UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS 219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604-1802

KENNETH S. GARDNER BANKRUPTCY CLERK

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October 6, 2005

Re: Court Plans for the weekend of October 15 and 16, 2005

Dear Court Constituent:

As you are likely well aware October 17th is the date that the "Enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005", BAPCPA, goes into effect. We wanted to share with you our plans for that weekend.

Our electronic filing system, CM/ECF, will remain in service until 11:59:59 PM on, Sunday, October 16, 2005. Staff will provide help desk support, telephone number 312 408-7765, on Saturday and Sunday the 15th and 16th from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM..

The electronic filing system will be removed from service at 12:00 AM on Monday, October 17, 2005, so that the necessary programming and related changes may be applied. We estimate this will take twelve hours to complete. We apologize for this inconvenience. The upgrade process requires the system be taken down. It was felt better to give those filing with the court the greatest opportunity to file before the new legislation goes into effect.

We will advise you via our website and "list service" message when the system is actually available. If we bring the system back on line before 12:00 PM on Monday, the 17th we will advise you in the same way.

A last, very important note. Please file your documents with the court as early as possible. The system will be removed from service at 11:59:59 PM on Sunday. If you have not finished your work by that time your session will be aborted. It will not matter that you were logged-in before midnight. You must "submit" your work before 12:00 AM, Monday, October 17, 2005 for your case to be considered filed under the "pre-BAPCPA" laws and rules.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Gardner Bankruptcy Clerk