

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

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April 1, 2020

**C L E R K ' S N O T I C E**

**NOTICE REGARDING NEW ELECTRONIC FILING  
FEATURE FOR NON-ATTORNEY FILERS**

To better serve the public during the COVID-19 outbreak, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas has a new filing feature that allows non-attorney filers to submit chapter 7 and chapter 13 bankruptcy filings to the court electronically. The filing feature is eSR (Electronic Self-Representation). eSR is the recommended method for non-attorney filers to submit new bankruptcy petitions effective April 1, 2020.

**What is eSR?**

eSR is an online tool to help individuals complete a chapter 7 or chapter 13 bankruptcy petition when they have decided to file bankruptcy without an attorney.

**Who can use eSR?**

Individuals who wish to file a chapter 7 or chapter 13 bankruptcy petition and who live in the Eastern District of Texas can use eSR. eSR is not available to attorneys or bankruptcy petition preparers. eSR is not designed for business or corporate bankruptcy filings. eSR is only available for chapter 7 and chapter 13 filings.

**Why use eSR?**

It is easy and free to use, and there is no software to download or purchase. Pay only the chapter 7 or chapter 13 bankruptcy filing fee. eSR has a guided, step-by-step process that allows you up to 45 days to complete. Your personal information is only accessible to you using a unique login and password assigned to you. eSR is accessible 24 hours a day from any Internet-enabled computer.

Our goal is to provide the most efficient and effective access to our services. We hope you find eSR a convenient and efficient method for filing a bankruptcy case with the court.

FOR THE COURT  
Jason K. McDonald  
Clerk of Court