

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE WITH REGARD TO FILING DOCUMENTS IN FEDERAL COURT

All federal courts are required to maintain public websites that contain a lot of other information, including, docket information and all written opinions issued by the court. This is required by the E-Government Act, first made law in 2002, and it established a broad mandate for providing electronic public access to government (including the Judiciary's) information.

The federal courts have met these requirements due to the implementation of our case management/electronic case files (CM/ECF) system and the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. See also the information on their web site: <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/>

You are advised to keep private information out of your pleadings and other documents. If a litigant in a case believes that sensitive or private information will be contained in a pleading or court order, s/he may file with the court a motion to seal. After hearing from both sides, the presiding judge will determine whether it is appropriate to take the extraordinary precaution of placing one or more documents or an entire case under seal. The granting of such relief is unusual, given the mandate referenced above.

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Sarah Allison Thornton
Clerk of Court