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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

U.S. DIST. COURT OF THE EAST DIST. MICHIGAN

Administrative Order

No. 08-AO- 0410

In re: Filing a New Civil Case or Civil Initiating Papers Under Seal

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Rule 6(a) of the Electronic Filing Policies and Procedures requires that civil initiating papers be filed electronically.

CM/ECF does not currently allow a new civil case or civil initiating papers to be immediately sealed when filed electronically.

In addition, sealing a new civil case or civil initiating papers cannot be done until the assigned judge has decided the motion requesting the sealing;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT filing users wishing to electronically file a new civil case or civil initiating papers under seal must contact the CM/ECF Help Desk at 313-234-5042 <u>before</u> filing the case or the papers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT when a party files a motion to seal a new civil case or civil initiating papers the Clerk is directed to "shield" the new civil case or civil initiating papers from public view until the assigned judge has decided the motion requesting the sealing.

IT IS ORDERED.

Bernard A. Friedman

HE COURT:

Chief Judge