

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF KANSAS

Hyperlinking

Electronic Submissions in the Federal Courts

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Introduction

This report is a compilation of each federal court's policies on hyperlinking in electronically submitted documents for CM/ECF. The rules contained herein were copied from the applicable court's website. Each Court's rules are accompanied by a hyperlink to their local rules and their CM/ECF Policies and Procedures (when present). The compiled list from the Circuit Courts of Appeals are derived from a combination of *Hyperlink Briefs in the Circuits: A Review of Local Rules* and *Appendix – US Circuit Rules or Guidance on Hyperlinks in Electronically Filed Briefs* supplemented and modified by my own independent research. ¹

First Circuit

Court of Appeals:

[1st Cir. Administrative Order Regarding CM/ECF](#)

Rule 13 – Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks except as stated herein. Hyperlinks may not be used to link to sealed or restricted documents. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the document. A hyperlink, or any site to which it refers, will not be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material in a document. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink, and does not endorse any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site might be linked.

Maine

[D. Me. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking (the Local Rules incorporate Electronic Filing Procedures in Appendix IV)

Massachusetts

[D. Mass. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking

[D. Mass. CM/ECF Administrative Procedures](#)

7. Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

(1) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document;

¹ *Hyperlink Briefs in the Circuits*, Justin Smith, Shook Hardy & Bacon (Apr. 16, 2013); *Appendix – US Circuits Rules or Guidance on Hyperlinks in Electronically Filed Briefs*, Meg Martin, D. Kan., (Mar. 12, 2013).

(2) Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the CM/ECF system; and

(3) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record, but are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a document filed in CM/ECF. Instructions on creating hyperlinks may be found in the CM/ECF User Manual.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

NOTE regarding PDF/A: In the near future, the CM/ECF software will be upgraded to require filers to submit documents in PDF/A.

One feature of PDF/A documents is that hyperlinks are commonly “masked,” meaning that the full address of the referenced file is not written out; for example, clicking the word brief may open a brief which was previously filed in CM/ECF.

An “unmasked” hyperlink has the full address visible to the user, such as “<https://ecf.dcd.uscourts.gov/doc1/04512244142>”.

Masked hyperlinks may or may not work in a PDF/A document, depending on how it was created. Currently, masked hyperlinks are preserved in PDF/A documents produced by the “Save As” method in Microsoft Word 2007 and 2010; the “PDFMaker” method in Microsoft Word 2007; and Open Office 2.4 (“PDF Export”). With other production methods, such as WordPerfect, the PDF/A document includes underlined words that appear to be links, but clicking them has no effect.

New Hampshire

[D.N.H. Local Rules](#)

Appendix A: Rule 2.3(i)

Hyperlinks. Electronically filed Documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- 1) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document.
- 2) Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the CM/ECF system; and
- 3) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record, but are simply mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

The Court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

[D.N.H. CM/ECF Hyperlinking Guide](#)

Puerto Rico

[D.P.R. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking

Rhode Island

[D.R.I. Local Rules and Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking

Second Circuit

Court of Appeals

[2nd Cir. Local Rules](#)

R. 25.1(i)

(i) Hyperlinks. A document filed under this rule may contain hyperlinks to (i) other portions of the same document or to other documents filed on appeal; (ii) documents filed in the lower court or agency from which the record on appeal is generated; and (iii) statutes, rules, regulations, and opinions. A hyperlink to a cited authority does not replace standard citation format.

Connecticut

[D. Conn. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Conn. CM/ECF Policies & Procedures Manual \(Standing Order\)](#)

No mention of hyperlinking

New York Eastern
[S.D.N.Y. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking

New York Northern
[N.D.N.Y. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

New York Southern
[S.D.N.Y. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

New York Western
[W.D.N.Y Administrative Procedures Guide](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D.N.Y Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D.N.Y Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Vermont
[D. Vt. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Vt. Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Files](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Third Circuit

Court of Appeals

[3rd Cir. Local Appellate Rules](#)

Rule 28.3

(a) . . . Hyperlinks to decisions may be used, but are not required, as provided in L.A.R. Misc. 113.13. If hyperlinks are used, citation to a reporter, looseleaf service, or other paper document must be included, if available. If a hyperlink to a paper document is not available, the internet address of the document cited must be included.

(c) . . . Hyperlinks to the electronic appendix may be added to the brief. If hyperlinks are used, the brief must also contain immediately preceding the hyperlink a reference to the paper appendix page. Hyperlinks to testimony must be to a transcript. A motion must be filed and granted seeking permission to hyperlink to an audio or video file before such links may be included in the brief or appendix. Hyperlinks may not be used to link to sealed or restricted documents.

Rule 30.1

(c) In addition to an electronic and paper appendix, hyperlinks to the appendix may be added to the brief. If hyperlinks are used, the brief must also contain immediately preceding the hyperlink a reference to the paper appendix page. Hyperlinks to testimony must be to a transcript. A motion must be filed and granted seeking permission to hyperlink to an audio or video file before such links may be included in the brief or appendix. Hyperlinks may not be used to link to sealed or restricted documents.

Rule 113.13

(a) Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

(1) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and

(2) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet or PACER, e.g. the appendix, that contains a source document for a citation. If hyperlinks are used in the brief, counsel must also include immediately preceding the hyperlink a reference to the paper appendix page. Hyperlinks to testimony must be to a transcript. A motion must be filed and granted seeking permission to hyperlink to an audio or video file before such links may be included in the brief or appendix. Hyperlinks may not be used to link to sealed or restricted documents.

(b) Hyperlinks to cited authority or documents may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations to paper documents if available must be included in the text of the filed document. If a cited reference is available on the internet only, a complete citation to the internet site must be included in addition to the hyperlink. A hyperlink, or any site to which it refers, will not be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site might be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

(c) Hyperlinks do not replace paper copies of the appendix. Four paper copies of the appendix must be filed in accordance with L.A.R. 30.1.

Cross-References: L.A.R. 28 and 30

Comments: Hyperlinks are a connection from one point of electronic data to another. Because hyperlinks might be to sites outside the control of the court, the court cannot take responsibility for the viability of those links, nor does it take responsibility for the content of any linked site. Because hyperlinks are not considered part of the record, the fact that a hyperlink ceases to work or directs the user to some other site does not affect the content of the filed document.

Hyperlinks are a convenient means of accessing material cited in electronic documents. Any electronically filed document that contains a hyperlink must also contain the standard citation to the same material. This requirement ensures that anyone working with a printed version of the document has the necessary citation, and that subsequent failure of a hyperlink will not preclude finding the cited material.

Just as the complete text of a document cited in a brief or other filing in support of a legal proposition, unless specifically quoted, is not considered part of the brief, the hyperlink and the site to which it refers are not considered part of the brief. Thus, they will not be considered part of the court's record.

Delaware

[D. Del. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Del. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[CM/ECF Manual on Cross Document Hyperlinks](#)

Applies to documents already in the courts CM/ECF system.

New Jersey

[D.N.J. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents. in electronically submitted documents.

Pennsylvania Eastern

[E. D. Pa. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Pa. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Pa. Clerk's Official Procedural Handbook](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Pennsylvania Middle

[M.D. Pa. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D. Pa. Electronic Filing Policies and Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Pennsylvania Western

[W.D. Pa. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Pa. Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures](#)

15. Hyperlinks - In order to preserve the integrity of the court record, attorneys wishing to insert hyperlinks in court filings shall continue to use the traditional citation method for the cited authority, in addition to the hyperlink. The Judiciary's policy on hyperlinks is that a hyperlink contained in a filing is no more than a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in the

document. A hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the court's record.

[W.D. Pa. A Guide to Working with CM/ECF](#)

Hyperlinks

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Virgin Islands

[D.V.I. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.V.I. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the District Court of the Virgin Islands

Rule 5.4(m):

(m) HYPERLINKS

(1) Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

(A) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document

and/or, where possible, other documents within the CM/ECF system; and

(B) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

(2) Hyperlinks to cited authority do not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, is part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

Fourth Circuit

Court of Appeals

[4th Cir. Local Rules](#)

R. 25(a)(12)

(12) Hyperlinks. Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to: other portions of the same document or other documents filed on appeal; documents filed in the lower court that are part of the record on appeal; and statutes, rules, regulations, and opinions. Hyperlinks do not replace citations to the appendix, record, or legal authority and are not considered part of the appellate record. Documents must contain standard citations in support of statements of fact or points of law, in addition to any hyperlink. The Court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink and does not endorse any organization, product, or content at any hyperlinked site.

[4th Cir. Brief and Appendix Requirements](#)

Hyperlinks in Briefs

Hyperlinks may be included to other portions of the same document, other documents filed on appeal, documents in the district court record, statutes, rules, regulations, or opinions. Citations must be provided in addition to any hyperlink.

Maryland

[D. Md. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Md. CM/ECF Civil and Criminal Procedures Manual](#)

D. Creating Document Hyperlinks

CM/ECF users can file a document that includes a hyperlink to a previously filed document

- in the same case.
- in another case residing on the CM/ECF system where the filing is being entered.
- on any other court's CM/ECF system.

The hyperlink, as set by the filer, may link to the start of the document or to a specific page in the document. A filer can file a document that includes a hyperlink to a document that is being filed simultaneously (in the same docketing transaction) with the primary document. For example, a Memo in Support of Summary Judgment may have hyperlinks to the attached documents that are part of the same docketing transaction.

Any document that includes a hyperlink must also include a description of the standard citation to the hyperlinked material. The hyperlink is a convenience, not a citation replacement.

North Carolina Eastern

[E.D.N.C. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D.N.C. ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual](#)

I. Hyperlinks in Documents

(1) Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- (a) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document;
- (b) Hyperlinks to a source document for a citation; and
- (c) Hyperlinks to other documents filed within CM/ECF.

NOTE: In order for a hyperlink to work when creating the PDF document you must “publish to PDF” rather than “print to PDF” when converting the document from its word processing format.

(2) Hyperlinks to personal websites or organizations, including law firms, are strictly forbidden.

(3) The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for any availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Users should not copy hyperlinks from the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF). The document hyperlinks in NEFs contain special information that allows them to provide one “free look” to qualified recipients of the NEF. Instead of copying hyperlinks in NEFs, users should run a report in CM/ECF, such as the Docket Report, and copy the document number hyperlink from the report.

North Carolina Middle

[M.D.N.C. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D.N.C. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D.N.C. ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual](#)

H. Hyperlinks in Documents

(1) Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- (a) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and
- (b) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

NOTE: In order for a hyperlink to work when creating the PDF document you must “publish to PDF.” rather than “print to PDF” when converting the document from its word processing format.

(2) Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the CM/ECF system are not permitted. Hyperlinks to personal websites, inclusive of law firms, are strictly forbidden.

NOTE: Embedded hyperlinks will be rejected by the system.

(3) The Court is appreciative of attorneys using hyperlinks so that their citations may be more easily referenced. A hyperlink, however, will not be a permanent part of the court record so it will still be necessary whether hyperlinks are provided or not to continue the citation of cases as required in Local Rule 7.2.

(4) The Court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The Court accepts no responsibility for any availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

North Carolina Western

[W.D.N.C. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D.N.C. Administrative Procedures Governing Filing and Service by Electronic Means](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

South Carolina

[D.S.C. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.S.C. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.S.C. ECF Policies and Procedures](#)

7.4 Bookmarks and Hyperlinks

Electronically-filed documents may contain bookmarks to locations within the same document. Hyperlinks to other documents or external sites are not permitted due to the risk of broken links and the possibility of introducing a virus or malicious code from another website. D.S.C.. ECF Policies and Procedures Manual, § 7.4.

Virginia Eastern

[E.D. Va. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Va. Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Virginia Western

[W.D. Va. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Va. Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

West Virginia Northern

[N.D.W. Va. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D.W. Va Attorneys Guide to the Court's Administrative Procedure](#)

22. Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- A. Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and
- B. Hyperlinks to an internet site that contains a source document for a citation.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. The Court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink. Attorney's Guide to the Court's Administrative Procedure § 22.

West Virginia Southern

[S.D.W. Va. Local Rules.](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[Administrative Procedures for Electronic Filing in the SDWV](#)

22. Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- (a) Hyperlinks to other portions within the body of the same document; and
 - (b) Hyperlinks to an Internet site that contains a source document for a citation.
- Hyperlinks to cite authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Fifth Circuit

Court of Appeals

[5th Cir. Local Rules](#)

Local Rule 25.2.14

Hyperlinks. Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document;

Hyperlinks to PACER that contains a source document for a citation;

Hyperlinks to documents already filed in any CM/ECF database;

Hyperlinks between documents that will be filed together at the same time;

Hyperlinks that the clerk may approve in the future as technology advances.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. A hyperlink, or any site to which it refers, will not be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site might be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Louisiana Eastern

[E.D. La. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. La. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. La. Administrative Procedures for ECF](#)

Rule 13– Hyperlinks

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- (B) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink. E.D. LA. ADMIN. P. 13.

Louisiana Middle

[M.D. La. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D. La. Administrative Procedures for Filing Electronic Documents](#)

9. Hyperlinks - Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document or hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation. Hyperlinks to a cited authority may not replace standard citation form. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record.

Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. The Court accepts no responsibility and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which the site may be linked. The Court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Louisiana Western

[W.D. La. Local Rules](#)

LR 5.7.13 Hyperlinks

Material accessed by hyperlink will not be a part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filing. NOTE: See the Court’s Administrative Procedures for further information on hyperlinks. *Adopted April 2005.*

[W.D. La. Administrative Procedures for Filing Electronic Documents](#)

Rule I(B)(6)

6. Hyperlinks. Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to

other portions of the same document or hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation. Hyperlinks to a cited authority may not replace standard citation

form. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record.

Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. The Court accepts no responsibility and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which the site may be linked. The Court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink. W.D. LA. ADMIN. P. I (B)(6).

Mississippi Northern

[S.D. Miss. & N.D. Miss. Uniform Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Miss. & N.D. Miss. Uniform Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Miss. Administrative Procedures for ECF](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Mississippi Southern

[S.D. Miss. & N.D. Miss. Uniform Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Miss. & N.D. Miss. Uniform Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Miss. Administrative Procedures for ECF](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Texas Eastern

[E.D. Tex. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Texas Northern

[N.D. Tex Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Tex Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Tex. ECF Administrative Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Texas Southern

[S.D. Tex. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Tex Administrative Procedures for Electronic Filing in Civil and Criminal Cases](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Texas Western

[W.D. Tex. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Tex Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Filing](#)

§4(b)

b. In order to preserve the integrity of the Court record, Filing Users who insert Hyperlinks shall also cite the authority by the traditional citation method. A Hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the record.

Sixth Circuit

Court of Appeals

[6th Cir. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[6th Cir. Guide to Electronic Filing](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Kentucky Eastern

[W.D. Ky. & E.D. Ky. Joint Civil Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Ky. & E.D. Ky. Joint Criminal Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Ky. Electronic Filing Policies and Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Kentucky Western[W.D. Ky. & E.D. Ky. Joint Civil Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Ky. & E.D. Ky. Joint Criminal Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Ky. Electronic Filing Policies and Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Michigan Eastern[E.D. Mich. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

Rule 5(d)

(d) A hyperlink [as defined in R1(e)] contained in an electronic filing is merely a convenient mechanism created by the author for accessing Internet material. A hyperlink is not a part of the Court's record. Accordingly, the Court does not endorse nor exercise any responsibility over the content at the destination. Any hyperlink to a case or other authority included in an electronic filing must be expressed in the full traditional citation method for the cited authority. If a cited Internet resource is fundamental to the paper and refers to information that has not already been made part of the record, the Internet material must be captured, preserved in PDF, and attached to the paper. The attachment should include a notation of the date it was viewed and the case to which it relates.

[E.D. Mich. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

Rule 5(d)

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[E.D. Mich. ECF Policies and Procedures](#)

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Michigan Western

[W.D. Mich. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[Local Rules Governing Electronic Filing](#)

Fall under local rules, No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Ohio Northern

[N.D. Ohio Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Ohio Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Ohio Cross Document Hyperlinks How to Guide](#)

CM/ECF users can file PDF documents that include hyperlinks to:

Previously filed documents in the same case.

Previously filed documents in other cases that reside in the Northern Ohio's CM/ECF database.

Previously filed documents in cases that reside in other courts' CM/ECF databases. Documents being filed as attachments to your current filing.

[N.D. Ohio ECF Policies and Procedures](#)

15 MB limit on filed documents, excused for social security documents to take advantage of the hyperlinks. Otherwise, not mention of hyperlinking.

Ohio Southern

[S.D. Ohio Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Ohio Electronic Filing Policies and Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Tennessee Eastern
[E.D. Tenn. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Tenn. ECF Rules and Procedures](#)

16. Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks: hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; hyperlinks to other documents filed in CM/ECF; and hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. *See* E.D.TN. LR 7.4. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record.

Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink

Tennessee Middle

[M.D. Tenn. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D. Tenn. Administrative Practices and Procedures for ECF](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Tennessee Western
[W.D. Tenn. Local Rules](#)

7.4 Bookmarks and Hyperlinks

Electronically-filed documents may contain bookmarks to locations within the same document. Hyperlinks to other documents or external sites are NOT permitted at this time due to the risk of broken links and the possibility of introducing a virus or malicious code from another website. It is anticipated that hyperlinks to external sites for retrieving case opinions and other legal research materials will become available in the near future.

[W.D. Tenn. ECF Policies and Procedures](#)

7.4 Bookmarks and Hyperlinks

Electronically-filed documents may contain bookmarks to locations within the same document. Hyperlinks to other documents or external sites are NOT permitted at this time due to the risk of broken links and the possibility of introducing a virus or malicious code from another website. It is anticipated that hyperlinks to external sites for retrieving case opinions and other legal research materials will become available in the near future.

Seventh Circuit

Court of Appeals

7th Cir. Local Rules

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

7th Cir. ECF Procedures

(m) Hyperlinks

(1) Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks: (A) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and

(B) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

(2) Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. A hyperlink, or any site to which it refers, will not be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

(3) The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site might be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Illinois Central

C.D. Ill. Local Rules

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Illinois Northern

N.D. Ill. Local Rules

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Illinois Southern

S.D. Ill. Local Rules

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

S.D. Ill. E-Filing Rules

Rule 13 Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

1. Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and

2. Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for citation.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither hyperlinks, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanics for accessing material cited in a filed document.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability of any hyperlink.

Indiana Northern

[N.D. Ind. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Indiana Southern

[S.D. Ind. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Ind. ECF Policies and Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Wisconsin Eastern

[E.D. Wis. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Wis. ECF Policies and Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Wisconsin Western

[W.D. Wis. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Wis. ECF Administrative Procedures](#)

H. Hyperlinks

Hyperlinks are allowed in documents filed with the court to provide access to cited material. Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document, to other documents filed within ECF or to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation. Hyperlinks to cited authority do not replace standard citation format. Filing Users must include complete citations in addition to the hyperlink. The hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the court's record. The court accepts no responsibility for and does not endorse any product, organization or content

at any hyperlinked site or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink. W.D. WIS. ADMIN. P. IV(H).

Eighth Circuit

Court of Appeals

[8th Cir. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Arkansas Eastern

[W.D. Ark. & E.D. Ark. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Ark. Administrative Policies and Procedures For Criminal and Civil Filings](#) (Under “Other Resources”)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Arkansas Western

[W.D. Ark. & E.D. Ark. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Ark. General Order No. 36 ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures for Civil Filings](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Ark. General Order No. 37 ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures for Criminal Filings](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Iowa Northern

[S.D. Iowa & N.D. Iowa Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Iowa & N.D. Iowa ECF Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Iowa Southern

[S.D. Iowa & N.D. Iowa Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Iowa & N.D. Iowa ECF Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Minnesota

[D. Minn. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Minn. ECF Criminal Procedures Guide](#)

K. HYPERLINKS IN DOCUMENTS

1. Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks: a. Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and

b. Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

c. Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the CM/ECF system in all Federal Courts.

2. Hyperlinks to personal websites, inclusive of law firms, are strictly forbidden.

3. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of a filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, must be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

4. A user cannot access a hyperlink to a restricted document (e.g., a private entry, sealed document) unless the user has appropriate permissions.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

[D. Minn. ECF Civil Procedures Guide](#)

I (M). HYPERLINKS IN DOCUMENTS

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b. Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

c. Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the CM/ECF system in all Federal Courts.

2. Hyperlinks to personal websites, inclusive of law firms, are strictly forbidden.

3. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of a filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, must be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

4. A user cannot access a hyperlink to a restricted document (e.g., a private entry, sealed document) unless the user has appropriate permissions.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Missouri Eastern
[E.D. Mo. Local Rules](#)

Rule 7- 2.16 Hyperlinks in Electronically Filed Documents.

A hyperlink is an icon or highlighted text inserted in a document that connects one point of electronic data to another, permitting retrieval of the target data when activated. Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document or hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document cited by the filing party.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard legal citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the Court record. The proper technical functionality of any hyperlink is the exclusive responsibility of the filing party.

[E.D. Mo. Administrative Procedures for CM/ECF](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Missouri Western

[W.D. Mo. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Mo. CM/ECF Administrative Procedures & User's Guide](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[Electronic Filing General Order September 20, 2004](#)

6. Hyperlinks

1. Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- (1.) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document ; and
- (2) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

2. Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the CM/ECF system are not permitted. Hyperlinks to personal web sites, inclusive of law firms, is strictly forbidden.

3. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document,

4. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Nebraska

[D. Neb. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

R. 10.1 (a)(4)

(4) Hyperlinks. Electronically filed documents allow only two types of hyperlinks: to other parts of the same document; and to an Internet location that contains a source document for a citation. A hyperlink to evidence attached to a court filing becomes a permissible hyperlink to an internet location upon filing in CM/ECF. These hyperlinks are provided only for users' convenience.

Users are cautioned that hyperlinked documents in CM/ECF are subject to PACER fees.

(A) Cited Authority. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. The text of the filed document must include complete citations. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, may be considered part of the record.

(B) Responsibility for Hyperlinks. The court accepts no responsibility for and does not endorse, approve, or guarantee any third parties or the services or products they provide on their Web sites. Likewise, the court has no agreements with any of these third parties or their Web sites. The court accepts no responsibility for any hyperlink's availability or functionality. Thus, the fact that a hyperlink ceases to work or directs the user to some other site does not affect the Court's opinion.

[D. Neb. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

R. 49.2 (a)(4)

(4) Hyperlinks. Electronically filed documents allow only two types of hyperlinks: to other parts of the same document, and to an Internet location that contains a source document for a citation. A hyperlink to evidence attached to a court filing becomes a permissible hyperlink to an internet location upon filing in CM/ECF. These hyperlinks are provided only for users' convenience. Users are cautioned that hyperlinked documents in CM/ECF are subject to PACER fees.

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(A) Cited Authority. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. The text of the filed document must include complete citations. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, may be considered part of the record. (B) Responsibility for Hyperlinks. The

court accepts no responsibility for and does not endorse, approve, or guarantee any third parties or the services or products they provide on their Web sites. Likewise, the court has no agreements with any of these third parties or their Web sites. The court accepts no responsibility for a hyperlink's availability or functionality. Thus, the fact that a hyperlink ceases to work or directs the user to some other site does not affect the court's opinion.

[A Guide to Hyperlinking in the Federal Courts](#)

North Dakota

[D.N.D. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.N.D. Administrative Policy Governing Electronic Filing and Service](#)

XVIII. Hyperlinks

(A) Documents filed on the ECF system may contain hyperlinks but they must be limited to links to material within the filed document or to a location on the internet that contains a source document for a citation.

(B) Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, will be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document

(C) The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

South Dakota

[D.S.D. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.S.D. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.S.D. CM/ECF User Manual and Administrative Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Ninth Circuit

Court of Appeals

[9th Cir. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing in All Ninth Circuit Cases 11/10/08](#)

Rule 11 – Hyperlinks

(a) Electronically-filed documents may contain hyperlinks.

(b) Hyperlinks do not replace citations to the appendix, record, or legal authority. Documents must contain standard citations in support of statements of fact or points of law, in addition to any hyperlink. Hyperlinks are simply mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document and are not considered part of the appellate record. The Court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink and does not endorse any organization, product, or content at any hyperlinked site.

(c) Hyperlinks to district court documents are optional. However, parties must include the documents themselves in the excerpts of record, attachment, or exhibit. Instructions on creating hyperlinks can be found in the "CM/ECF" section of the Court's website in the ECF User Guide.

Alaska

[D. Alaska Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Alaska Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Alaska ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Arizona

[D. Ariz. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Ariz. ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual](#)

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F. HYPERLINKS

In order to preserve the integrity of the court record, attorneys wishing to insert hyperlinks in court filings shall continue to use the traditional citation method for the cited authority, in addition to the hyperlink. The Judiciary's policy on hyperlinks is that a hyperlink contained in a filing is no more than a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in the document. A hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the court's record. A link to any document that does not reside on the ECF system for the Arizona is prohibited.

California Central

[C.D. Cal. Local Civil Rules](#)

L.R. 5-4.3.3 Hyperlinks. Hyperlinks to other documents, websites, source documents, or citations are not permitted.

California Eastern

[E.D. Cal. Local Rules](#)

ECF Procedures included herein

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

California Northern

[N.D. Cal. Civil Local Rules](#)

ECF Procedures included herein.

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Cal. Criminal Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

California Southern
[S.D. Cal. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Cal. ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures](#)

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I. Hyperlinks

In order to preserve the integrity of the court record, attorneys wishing to insert hyperlinks in court filings should continue to use the traditional citation method for the cited authority, in addition to the hyperlink. The Judiciary's policy on hyperlinks is that a hyperlink contained in a filing is no more than a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in the document. A hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the court's record.

Guam
[D. Guam Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Guam ECF Policies and Procedures](#)

Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and
- Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the CM/ECF system are not permitted. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record.

Hawaii
[D. Haw. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

LR100.12. Hyperlinks.

Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to

- (a) other portions of the same document, and
- (b) a location on the Internet that contains a source document for reference.

Hyperlinks do not replace standard citation format, but inclusion of hyperlinks is encouraged. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Hyperlinks are convenient mechanisms for accessing material, but neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall

be considered part of the record. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or the functionality of any hyperlink.

[D. Haw. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Haw. CM/ECF Guide](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Idaho

[D. Idaho Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Idaho ECF Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Montana

[D. Mont. Local Rules](#)

1.5 (d)

(d) Citation form must follow the most recent edition of the Bluebook or of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Citation Manual. Pinpoint citation to paragraphs or pages of cases and to sections of statutes or acts is required. Citation to the United States Reporter, Federal Reporter, or Pacific Reporter is preferred. Parallel citations are not required. Hyperlinking is permissible, but neither the hyperlink nor any Internet site will be considered part of the record of the case.

[D. Mont. ECF Administrative Procedures Manual](#)

ix. Hyperlinks (L.R. 1.5)

(20) Hyperlinks to cited authority will be considered no more than a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in the document.

(21) The hyperlink will be extraneous and will not be considered a part of the Court's record.

(22) Hyperlinks should not be used to circumvent word count limitations.

Nevada

[D. Nev. Local Rules](#)

LR 7-3(c)

c) Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document and to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

(1) Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format.

Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. The submitting party is responsible for the availability and functionality of any hyperlink.

(2) Neither a hyperlink nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the official record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document. If a party wishes to make any hyperlinked material part of the record, the party must attach the material as an exhibit.

(3) The Court neither endorses nor accepts responsibility for any product, organization or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked.

[D. Nev. E-Filing Procedures](#) (Under the CM/ECF info drop-down menu)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Northern Mariana Islands

[D.N. Mar. I. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

Appendix A

15. Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

(A) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and

(B) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation. Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the Electronic Filing System are not permitted. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Any electronically filed document that contains a hyperlink must also contain the standard citation to the same material. This requirement ensures that anyone working with a printed version of the document has the necessary citation, and that subsequent failure of a hyperlink will not preclude finding the cited material.

Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

[D.N. Mar. I. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.N. Mar. I Administrative Procedures for Electronic Filing and Electronic Service](#)

15. Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

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(B) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation. Hyperlinks to other documents filed within the Electronic Filing System are not permitted. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Any electronically filed document that contains a hyperlink must also contain the standard citation to the same material. This requirement ensures that anyone working with a printed version of the document has the necessary citation, and that subsequent failure of a hyperlink will not preclude finding the cited material.

Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Oregon

[D. Or. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

LR 100-9 Hyperlinks

(a) Authorization

Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document and/or hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

(b) Citation Format

Hyperlinks to cited authority do not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included within the text of the document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, is considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in an electronically filed document.

(c) Disclaimer

The Court neither endorses nor accepts responsibility for any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked.

[D. Or. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Or. CM/ECF User Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Washington Eastern

[E.D. Wash. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Wash. ECF Administrative Procedures for Civil Cases](#)

R. II(A)(1)(d)

Hyperlinks – In order to preserve the integrity of the court record, attorneys wishing to insert hyperlinks in court filings shall continue to use the traditional citation method for the cited authority, in addition to the hyperlink. When cross-document hyperlinks are inserted, the title of the document, the court record number and, if applicable, the page number must be cited. The Judiciary’s policy on hyperlinks is that a hyperlink contained in a filing is no more than a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in the document. A hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the court’s record.

[E.D. Wash ECF Administrative Procedures for Criminal Cases](#)

R. II(A)(1)(d)

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Washington Western

[W.D. Wash. Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Wash Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Wash. ECF Procedures for Civil and Criminal Cases](#)

III (F)

Hyperlinks:

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Tenth Circuit

Court of Appeals

[10th Cir. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[10th Cir. ECF User's Manual](#)

O. Commercial URLs

You may not be able to upload a PDF to ECF if the PDF contains an active link to a commercial URL. Please prepare accordingly. In addition, do not include links to other PDFs in your pleadings, unless the second/subsequent PDF[s] is/are attached to the docket or found elsewhere on PACER (including on a district court docket). Please note in this regard that you will need to copy the PACER link in order to have the hyperlink work correctly.

[General Order No. 95-01, 03/2009](#)

II. Pleadings Filed

A) Briefs

Counsel filing via ECF may submit all briefs using the new system. In addition, however, within 2 business days of the filing, counsel must also submit to the clerk's office 7 hard copies of the brief. Briefs may contain, but are not required to contain, hyperlinks to cases and authorities. The brief itself must be filed in native pdf format.

Colorado

[D. Colo. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Colo. ECF Procedures](#) (Civil)

X. HYPERLINKS

10.1 Types of Hyperlinks. Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- A. hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and
- B. hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

10.2 Standard Citation Format Required. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document.

10.3 Limitation. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the official record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

10.4 Disclaimer. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

[D. Colo. ECF Procedures](#) (Criminal)

VIII. Hyperlinks

8.1 types of hyperlinks.

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- A. Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and
- B. Hyperlinks to a location on the internet that contains a source Document for a citation.

8.2 standard citation format required. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document.

8.3 Limitation. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the official record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

8.4 Disclaimer. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no Responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Kansas

[D. Kan. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Kan. Website, Attorney Resources](#)

Hyperlinking

CM/ECF now permits documents to include hyperlinks with cross-document references and legal citations.

Documents that include hyperlinks must also include a standard citation to the hyperlinked material. The hyperlink is a convenience for accessing authority, not a citation replacement.

The CM/ECF application will not verify the validity of URLs included as hyperlinks within documents filed in CM/ECF. To preserve the record, counsel are directed to include “screen shots” or other evidence of the URL as it existed at the time of its use.

Hyperlink functionality has been tested and works properly with Microsoft Word 2002 or higher. Hyperlinks added to documents created in other word processing programs may not function properly once the documents are converted to PDF format. The judiciary does not endorse a particular web site or commercial legal research source. The court does not exercise any responsibility over the content at its destination.

[D. Kan. Civil Cases Administrative Procedure for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means in the United States District Court for the Kansas](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Kan. Criminal Cases Administrative Procedure for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means in the United States District Court for the Kansas](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

New Mexico

[D.N.M. Local Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.N.M. Local Rules of Criminal Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D.N.M. CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Oklahoma Eastern

[E.D. Okla. Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Okla. Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[E.D. Okla. CM/ECF Administrative Guide of Policies and Procedures](#)

Chapter VI

A. HYPERLINKS

According to the guidelines set forth by the Committee on Information Technology, allowing hyperlinks in electronic case filings does not inherently increase the security risk to the judiciary; therefore, hyperlinks are allowed in documents filed with the court. However, the judiciary should not require or encourage filers to choose any specific information source for a hyperlink reference. Additionally, the judiciary should not exercise any responsibility over the content at its destination. Also, because the availability and location of the information on the Internet is still highly volatile, the functioning of a hyperlink reference should not be guaranteed. In short,

attorneys should keep in mind that, in following the judiciary's guidelines, the court shares the view that a hyperlink contained in filing is no more than a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in the document, and a hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the court's record. Further, in order to preserve the integrity of the court record, attorneys wishing to insert hyperlinks in court filings should continue to use the traditional citation method for the cited authority, in addition to the hyperlink.

Oklahoma Northern

[N.D. Okla. Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Okla. Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Okla. CM/ECF Administrative Guide of Policies & Procedures](#)

Chapter X

B. Hyperlinks. Hyperlinks are allowed in documents filed with the Court only for the purpose of providing a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in the document.

1. The judiciary does not exercise any responsibility over the content at its destination.
2. Because the availability and location of the information on the Internet is still highly volatile, the functioning of a hyperlink reference is not guaranteed.
3. The hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the Court's record.
4. In order to preserve the integrity of the Court's record, attorneys wishing to insert hyperlinks in court filings should continue to use the traditional citation method for the cited authority, in addition to the hyperlink.
5. Pursuant to General Order 05-11, hyperlinks are only permissible for legal references and citations and are not to include advertisements. The Court Clerk is directed to strike any pleading which contains an inappropriate hyperlink.

Oklahoma Western

[W.D. Okla. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[W.D. Okla. ECF Policies and Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Utah

[D. Utah Local Rules](#)

DUCivR 7-5 HYPERLINKS IN COURT FILINGS

(a) Permissible and Impermissible Hyperlinks.

As a convenience for the court, practitioners are encouraged to utilize hyperlinks in a manner consistent with this rule. For the purposes of this rule, a hyperlink is a reference within an

electronically filed document that permits a user to click on the reference so as to be directed to other content.

(1) Permissible Hyperlinks.

(A) A hyperlink to other portions of the same document and material elsewhere in the record, such as exhibits or deposition testimony, is permissible.

(B) A hyperlink to an internet resource containing legal authority from recognized electronic research services, such as Westlaw, Lexis/Nexis or Findlaw and governmental rules and regulations, is permissible.

(2) Impermissible Hyperlinks. A hyperlink to any other internet resource not identified in subsection (a)(1)(B) is impermissible and the contents of such an internet resource shall not be part of the record. If a litigant wishes to include the record material otherwise contained in an impermissible hyperlink, such material must be made part of the record in some other fashion, such as by filing the material as an exhibit or by filing a Notice of Conventional Filing pursuant to § II(E)(7) of the Utah CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual and filing a copy of the material on a diskette in PDF format.

[D. Utah Administrative E-Filing Procedures](#)

C. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. An electronically filed PDF document may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document. It may also contain hyperlinks to other documents efiled within the Utah E-filing system (or to any other US District Court e-filing system). Also, citations of legal authority in standard citation format may be hyperlinked to recognized electronic research services, such as Westlaw, Lexis/Nexis, Findlaw and official government sites. Hyperlinks to cited legal authority may not replace standard citation format. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record.

Wyoming

[D. Wyo. Local Civil Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Wyo. Local Criminal Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[D. Wyo. CM/ECF Procedures Manual](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Eleventh Circuit

Court of Appeals

[11th Cir. Local Rules](#)

R. 31-5(a)

(a) Internet Upload. An electronic brief shall be provided by uploading the brief to the court's Web site at www.ca11.uscourts.gov. Prior to uploading the first brief, the uploading party will be provided instructions by the clerk. Appendices may be included in the electronic brief, but are not required to be included. Hypertext links or bookmarks to cases, statutes and other reference materials available on the Internet are authorized. The certificate of service shall indicate the date of service of the brief in paper format.

[11th Cir. Guide to Electronic Filing](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Alabama Middle

[M.D. Ala. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D. Ala. Administrative Procedures for ECF](#) (Civil)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D. Ala. Administrative Procedures for ECF](#) (Criminal)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Alabama Northern

[N.D. Ala. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[N.D. Ala. CM/ECF Administrative Procedures](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Alabama Southern

[S.D. Ala. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Ala. Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Documents by Electronic Means](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Florida Middle

[M.D. Fla. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D. Fla. CM/ECF Administrative Procedure](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Florida Northern
[N.D. Fla. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[Style Guide for ECF](#)

The Northern District of Florida does not currently allow hyperlinking in electronically submitted documents.

Florida Southern
[S.D. Fla. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Fla. ECF Administrative Procedures](#)

(4) Hyperlinks

Pursuant to the policy set forth in Rule 13 of the Model Local Rules for Electronic Case Filing, endorsed by the Judicial Conference in October 2005, a hyperlink contained in a filing is no more than a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in a document. A hyperlink reference is extraneous to any filed document and is not part of the Court's record. In order to preserve the integrity of the Court record, Users wishing to insert hyperlinks in Court filings shall continue to use the conventional citation method for the cited authority, in addition to the hyperlink.

Georgia Middle
[M.D. Ga. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[M.D. Ga. ECF Administrative Procedures](#)

Hyperlinks

Electronically filed documents may contain hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; hyperlinks to other documents in CM/ECF in this court or any other CM/ECF court; and hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply a convenient mechanism for accessing material cited in a filed document. The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse any product, organization or content at any hyperlinked site or at any site to which that site may be linked. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Georgia Northern

[N.D. Ga. Civil Local Rules](#)

(2) Courtesy Copies in Electronic Format. Courtesy copies of pleadings may be presented to the judge or magistrate judge in electronic format on a compact disc. Such discs may include hyperlinks to case cites, statutes, affidavits, depositions, and exhibits.

Any courtesy copy in electronic format shall also be served upon each of the parties in accordance with F.R.Civ.P. 5(a).

[N.D. Ga. Local Rules Appendix H](#)

1. Effective July 15, 2005, absent good cause shown, attorneys in good standing admitted to practice before the Bar of this Court, to include attorneys admitted pro hac vice, must file civil pleadings electronically using the ECF System.

A. Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- (A) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document;
- (B) Hyperlinks to other documents in CM/ECF in this court, or any other CM/ECF court; and
- (C) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format.

Complete

citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to

which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient

mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

The court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The

court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

Georgia Southern

[S.D. Ga. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[S.D. Ga. Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means](#)

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1. Effective February 1, 2008, absent good cause shown, attorneys in good standing admitted to practice before the Bar of this Court, including attorneys admitted pro hac vice, must file documents electronically using the ECF System.

- a. Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:
- (A) Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document; and
 - (B) Hyperlinks to a location on the Internet that contains a source document for a citation.

Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format. Complete citations must be included in the text of the filed document. Neither a hyperlink, nor any site to which it refers, shall be considered part of the record. Hyperlinks are simply convenient mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document.

The Court accepts no responsibility for, and does not endorse, any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site, or at any site to which that site may be linked. The Court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink.

DC Circuit

Court of Appeals

[D.C. Cir. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

[Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Case Filing](#)

The filer bears sole responsibility for ensuring a document complies with these requirements. Guidance on redacting personal data identifiers is posted on the court's web site and must be followed.

ECF-10. Hyperlinks

(A) Electronically filed documents may contain the following types of hyperlinks:

- Hyperlinks to other portions of the same document or to other documents filed in the case;
- Hyperlinks to documents that are part of the record on appeal or the record on review or enforcement of an agency order;
- Hyperlinks to authorities cited in the document.

(B) Hyperlinks do not replace standard citations to authority and parts of the record; standard citations must be provided in addition to any hyperlink. Hyperlinks are simply mechanisms for accessing material cited in a filed document and are not considered part of this court's record. The court accepts no responsibility for the availability or functionality of any hyperlink and does not endorse any product, organization, or content at any hyperlinked site.

District of Columbia
[D.D.C. Local Rules](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.

Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

[Fed. Cir. Rules of Practice](#)

R. 32(e)(2)

(2) Content. A corresponding brief must be identical in content to the paper brief. A corresponding brief may provide hypertext links to the complete versions of material that was part of the record below. Hypertext links to other material must be confined to materials such as cases, statutes, treatises, law review articles, and similar authorities. A corresponding brief must be self-contained and static.

R. 32(e)(7)

(7) Table of Contents. Parties filing a corresponding brief are encouraged to include a table of contents with links to all of the items required in a joint appendix under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 30 and Federal Circuit Rule 30 and to all other parts of the record contained on the corresponding brief.

[Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Case Filing](#)

No mention of hyperlinking for briefs or other electronically submitted documents.