

A Message From Cathy Catterson, Clerk of Court (10/23/01)

How to serve one another and the Court in light of disruptions in postal service since October 15, 2001:

We are aware that many of you are experiencing disruption in postal service. While we cannot at this time accept routine filings by fax or e-mail, please be assured that we will be as flexible as possible in moving forward with your cases.

Until further notice, we ask you to consider serving one another by fax, e-mail or alternative delivery services and, if feasible, we ask that you serve the court by alternative private delivery services. Alternatively, we ask you to proceed as though the postal system were working without disruption - we will look to the service dates to determine timeliness and response due dates. As necessary, we will issue global extensions or offer additional opportunity for responses.

In emergency situations, we ask you to contact the court to make arrangements for alternative filing methods. Where time is of the essence, we will transmit our orders by fax.