

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLANT PANEL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

NOTICE REGARDING HIGHLY SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS:

Following a security audit of CM/ECF by the Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Judicial Conference issued a policy directive that all federal courts start accepting highly sensitive documents (HSDs) for filing only in paper form or via a secure electronic device, and that courts store HSDs in a secure paper filing system or on a secure, standalone computer system not connected to any network. Implementation is left to each court.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has defined HSDs as: Unclassified sealed documents involving: foreign sovereign interests; criminal activity related to cybersecurity, intellectual property, or trade secrets; terrorism; investigation of public officials; potential negative impact on national security or foreign relations of the United States; and sensitive commercial information likely to be of interest to foreign powers.

All requests to seal documents with the BAP must be submitted in paper format pursuant to Rule 4 of the Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing in BAP Cases. This includes HSDs.

If you believe a document you either have filed or will file with the BAP is a HSD, please contact the BAP Office at 626-229-7220 for further guidance.