United States Bankruptcy Court – District of Maine

CM/ECF Filing Reference Guide

Answer to Complaint

Step	Action
1.	Select Adversary
2.	From the Events list, select Answers
3.	From the Events list, select Complaint, 3rd, cross, counter
	Select NEXT
4.	Enter the Adversary Case Number
	Select NEXT.
5.	From the party listing either:
	(A) Select the party filing the answer
	Select NEXT and move on to step 6
	OR
	(B) Add/Create New Party
	Fill in the requested information Select SEARCH
	If your party is found in the search results, select the name.
	If your party is not found in the search results, select Create new party. Fill in the requested information – be sure to select the correct "Role".
	Select SUBMIT
	From the party listing make a selection.
	Select NEXT
	This screen solidifies the attorney/client relationship. You will get the following message:
	IMPORTANT: The following attorney/party association(s) will be created in this case. De-selecting a party association will result in the filing attorney NOT receiving Notices of Electronic Filing for that party. If this is a joint filing, review the list carefully to ensure that only parties represented by the filing attorney are selected.
6.	At the Answer a Complaint screen, to select the correct complaint you are seeking to answer from the document listing.

	Select NEXT
7.	Select NEXT
8.	This screen allows you to browse your system to attach the PDF of the answer.
	NOTE: To verify it is the correct attachment, select the PDF, right click, and select Open with Adobe Acrobat If the document is correct select OPEN
	• In order to include additional documents choose Yes at Attachments to Document
	Select NEXT
	 This screen allows you to browse your system to attach the PDF of any additional documents required for the answer.
	NOTE: To verify it is the correct attachment, select the PDF, right click, and select Open with Adobe Acrobat If the document is the correct document select OPEN .
	(2) Select a "Category" (optional) and/or fill in the "Description" field. (Here you can choose a description from the category field or type in a description of the document.)
	(3) Choose Add to List – a window will open showing you the document chosen.
	You can repeat the above steps for each document being included with the answer
	If correct,
	Select NEXT
	If incorrect path, choose the document and select Remove from list and return to step (1) herein to add correct document.
	Select NEXT to move to step 9
9.	If the answer being filed includes a Third-Party Complaint , Cross Claim , or Counterclaim check the appropriate box, then select NEXT .
	Each if these options will prompt you to a screen to select a party OR group AGAINST whom you are filing. If necessary, return to step 5 for assistance to add/create party.
	If the answer being filed does not include a Third-Party Complaint , Cross Claim , or Counterclaim
	Select NEXT
10.	This screen serves as the last chance to verify that the Docket Text: Modify as appropriate is correct. Using the dialogue boxes, make any necessary modifications.

	If correct,
	Select NEXT
11.	This screen serves as the last chance to verify that the Docket Text: Final Text is correct. If correct,
	Select NEXT - the docketing process will be committed.
	If any changes need to be made use the back navigation arrow to make the corrections. Retrace actions once correction is made.
12.	The final screen is the Notice of Electronic Filing screen
	This screen is your confirmation that the docketing process is complete

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