

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
P.O. DRAWER 867
ABERDEEN, MISSISSIPPI 39730-0867

DAVID W. HOUSTON, III
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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TO: Bankruptcy Practitioners for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Mississippi

FROM: Judge David W. Houston, III

RE: Presentations of Evidence in Bankruptcy Proceedings

The bankruptcy courtroom, located at the U.S. Courthouse in Aberdeen, has recently been fitted with audiovisual equipment to enhance the presentation of evidence. A video camera with connecting monitors will allow exhibits to be displayed to practically everyone in the courtroom. Electronic pens will enable the examining attorney and the witness to annotate or highlight displayed documents. A VCR will permit the showing of video tapes including video depositions. An access portal is available to permit attorneys to connect their own laptops to the system. A printer can be used to reproduce any annotated documents at a nominal cost to the litigant.

The court will conduct two training sessions so that all practitioners will have an opportunity to be instructed on the use of the system, as well as, to practice "hands-on" with the equipment. The dates of the training sessions are as follows: November 29, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. and December 6, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.

Please advise Ms. Nancy Randolph at the Clerk's Office, 662-369-1049, as to which session you would like to attend. This training, which should last no more than an hour, is not mandatory, but it will definitely be beneficial in making you feel more comfortable with this equipment. Unless extraordinary circumstances dictate otherwise, the use of the equipment will be required after December 31, 1999.