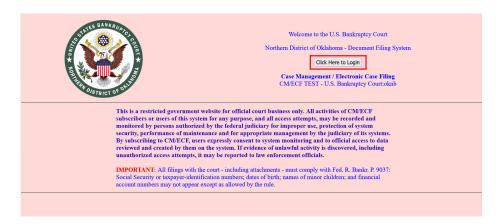
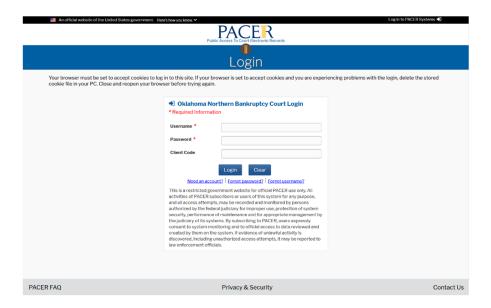
## Filing a New Bankruptcy Case

In this scenario, we will be filing a new bankruptcy case. Most attorneys who file new bankruptcy cases with the court will purchase off the shelf software to assist in creating the forms and filing the new case automatically through that software. If you are currently using a software package and will be using that to create and file new cases in our district, we would encourage you to open a case with that software in our training database first and not through the Live CM/ECF system to ensure the filing works as it should. We will demonstrate how to file a new case here. However, you are also encouraged to review the following to have a better understanding of the information that will be collected and sent automatically from your software to the courts CM/ECF system.

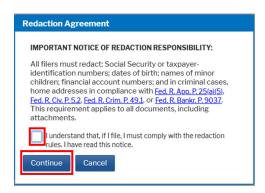
1. You will need to login to our CM/ECF system.



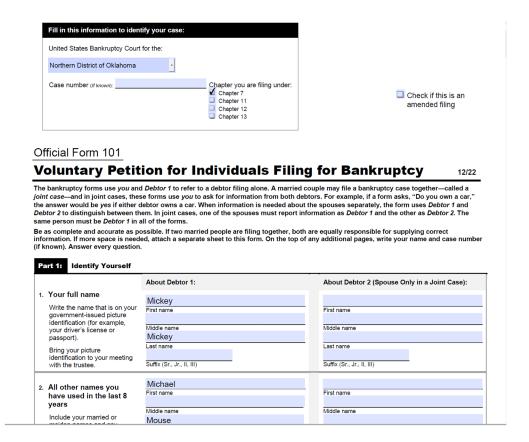
2. You will be redirected to PACER and will need to enter your PACER Username and Password



3. Please review the following important information for filing electronically in the Northern District of Oklahoma. When you are ready to proceed, **check** the box and click **Continue**.



4. To open a new bankruptcy case in the CM/ECF system, you must first have already created and saved the voluntary petition and any related schedules and forms. You will use the information contained in this packet when filing your case in the CM/ECF system.



5. To begin filing a new Bankruptcy case, click on **Bankruptcy**.



 The Bankruptcy event screen will appear providing options of documents that may be filed under this category. We are opening a new bankruptcy case, so click on **Open Voluntary BK** Case.



NOTE: The next few screens will begin to obtain information about the new bankruptcy case we are filing today. You will want to have your voluntary petition and schedules ready to reference as we are going through the filing of this case in the CM/ECF system. As a reminder for testing purposes, we are filing a Chapter 7 Case for Mickey Mouse. Mr. Mouse lives at 50 Princess Castle, Tulsa, OK 74103. Mr. Mouse is an individual, and his debts are primarily consumer.



7. First, you will select the **Chapter** by using the drop-down box.



8. Select Chapter 7.

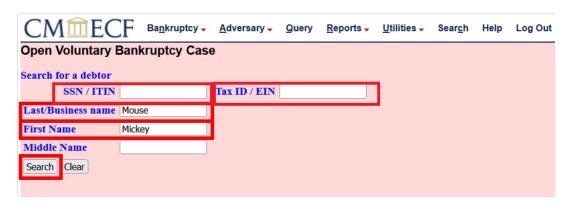


9. Next Mr. Mouse is filing as an individual, so we will leave the **Joint Petition** defaulted as no (n). The next option is **Deficiencies**, which is not used by our court, and should also remain set to no (n). Click **Next**.

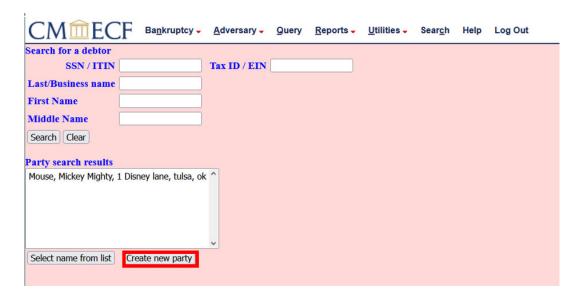


10. We are now ready to enter in information for our debtor. We begin by searching for him in the database. This will check to see if the debtor has ever filed a case in our court. You may search for the debtor by entering social security number (SSN/ITIN), Tax ID (Tax ID/EIN), or name. Today we are going to search by name.

To search by name, we are going to enter Mouse in the **Last Name** field, and we will enter Mickey in the **First Name** field. Once that is complete, click on **Search**.



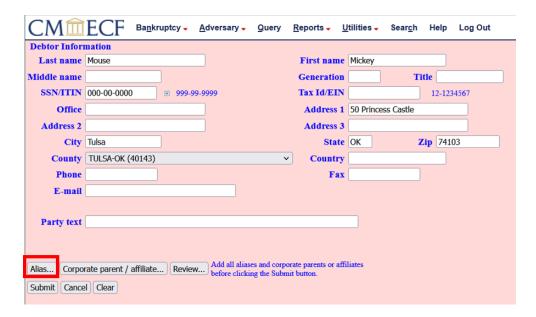
11. If there are any matches, the Party Search results box will appear showing any names that match our search. The search results may find several instances of the debtor or others with the same name in the database. **Even if the information matches** your debtor, click on **Create new party**.



12. We are now on the debtor information screen where we will enter in more information on our debtor. The debtor information screen will carry over any information your previously entered in your search criteria. This screen will allow us to enter a social security number (SSN/ITIN), Address, City, State, Zip, County, and any other pertinent information. This debtor lives in Tulsa County, so you will click on the County drop down box to select the county.

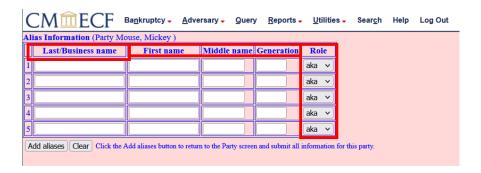
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Submit Cancel Clear									

13. If your debtor has an alias or aka, you want to enter that information by clicking on Alias...



14. The alias information screen will appear, and you may enter up to five aliases for your debtor. If you have more than five aliases to enter, please enter the first five, click on **Add aliases** which will take you to the previous screen, and click on **Alias...** again.

NOTE: You may select, **aka**, **dba**, **fdba**, **fka**, or **pka** to appear on the docket sheet. In this case, there is one alias, which is an AKA.



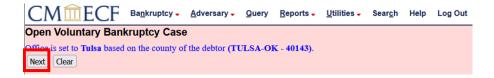
15. Once all of the information has been entered, you would click on **Add aliases** to go to the main Debtor Information Screen.



16. You will be returned to the main Debtor Information Screen. When all the information has been entered, click on the **Submit** button.



17. This screen confirms that this is the correct office for the county that was selected. Click **Next** to continue.



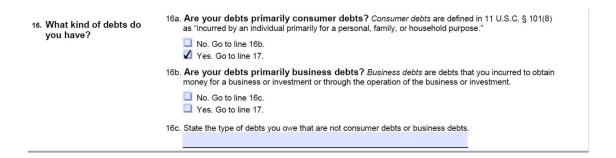
18. The system is now prompting for more information from the petition. Again, you will need to have the petition readily available when entering this information. The first question is if the debtor has filed a case in any court within the last 8 years. In this case, he has not. That box will remain at **no**.



The **Fee Status** box refers to the filing fee being paid. In this case, we are paying the full filing fee so it will remain at **Paid**. If we were requesting installment payments on this case, we would click on the **Fee Status** drop down box and choose Installment.



In our petition, we listed the nature of debt as Consumer.



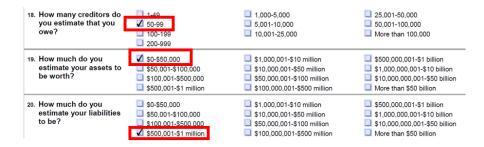
In the CM/ECF system, click on the drop-down box for **Nature of Debt** and select **consumer**.



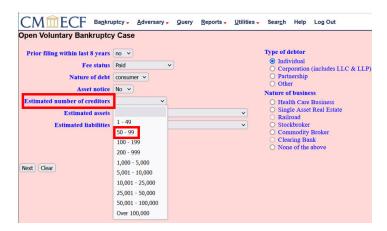
The **Asset notice** for a Chapter 7 should always remain at default no. The **Asset notice** for Chapter 11 and 13 should always be **Yes**.



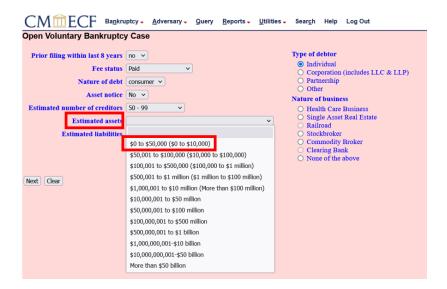
You will need to check your petition for creditors, assets, and liabilities. In our petition, the estimated number of creditors is 50-99. The estimated assets are \$0-\$50,000. The estimated liabilities are \$500,001-\$1 million. That information will need to be entered into CM/ECF.



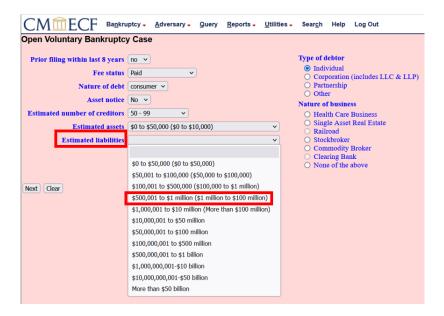
Use the drop-down box for **Estimated number of creditors** to select **50-99**.



Next, use the drop-down box next to Estimated assets to select \$0 to \$50,000 (\$0 to \$10,000).



Click on the drop-down box next to **Estimated liabilities** and select \$500,001 to \$1 million (\$1 million to \$100 million).



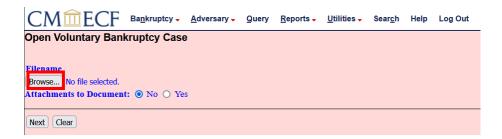
On the right-hand of the screen, we can select **Type of debtor** and **Nature of business.** In our case, we know our debtor is an individual who is not a sole proprietor and does not have a full or part time business. Since everything is correct, click on **Next**.



19. This screen is a reminder that the Chapter 7 filing fee is currently \$338. If this case was to be paid in installments, we would enter the amount of the installment payment being paid with the filing of the petition. Click on **Next**.



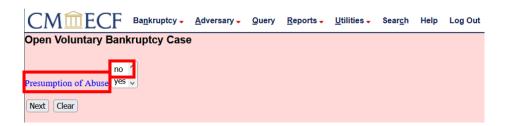
20. You are now ready to navigate to find the PDF of the voluntary petition and schedules that have already been created. Click on **Browse** to navigate to your voluntary petition and schedules on your computer. When filing in the live database, right click and view the document prior to selecting. The PDF you attach will be an officially filed document with the court and cannot be deleted once it has been filed.



21. The petition has been selected. This file contains all the schedules, statement of financial affairs, means test, credit counseling certificate, and all required local forms. You may attach those as separate filings or **Attachments to Document** if you would like. Click on **Next**.



22. The system is now asking if the **Presumption of Abuse** arises for this debtor. This information can be found on the means test. In this case it is not, so click on **No**.



23. After the selection is made, click on Next.



24. This screen includes information that can be found on the Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information or Means Test. Each field should be completed with information contained on those forms.



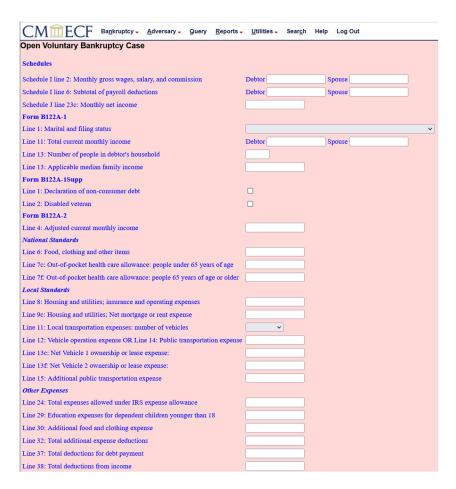
25. The total will be computed after all information has been entered.



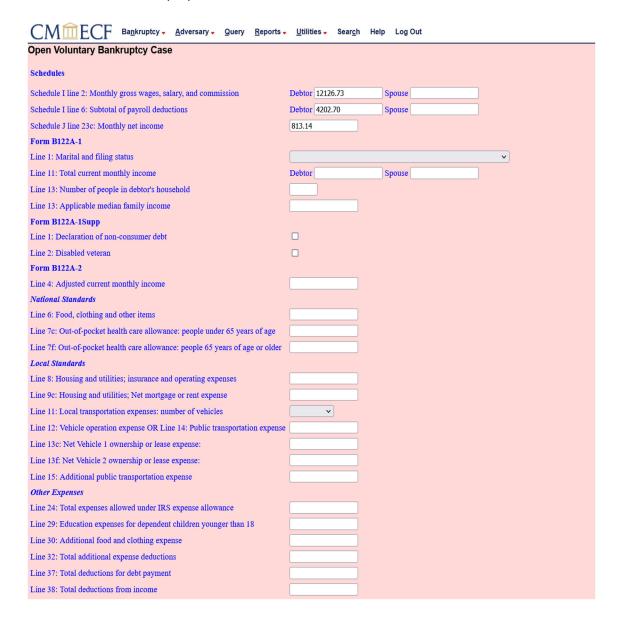
26. After the information has been etered, click on Next.



27. The next screen is asking for additional information which can be found in your Schedules or Means Test. These fields should match the data found in the PDF of the voluntary petition and schedules. You may have some fields you do not have information for, and you may leave those fields blank.



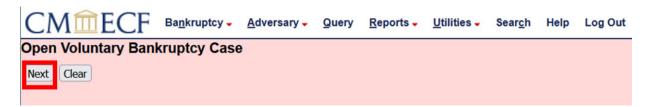
28. For demonstration purposes, we will not enter all information.



29. Proceed to the next screen by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking Next.



30. Every now and then, the CM/ECF system will need to run something in the background, and you will see a screen such as this with nothing on it. When you see this, click on **Next** to proceed.



31. You now see the final docket text. Please review this information to ensure everything looks correct as this is what will be placed on the court docket once we click **Next**. After the **Next** button is clicked, there is no turning back as this case will be filed. If this information is not correct, you could click the back button on your windows browser to correct whatever information is incorrect or click on **Bankruptcy** on the main menu bar to start over. If everything looks correct, click **Next**.



32. The system will present a pop-up box notification that there are fees due. Payment of fees is due at the time of filing. Click on **Pay Now** to pay fees. For purposes of this document, please click on **Continue Filing** so we can review the Notice of Electronic Filing, also known as NEF.



33. The Notice of Electronic Filing, or NEF, will show the date and time of the filing, case name and number, docket number, and docket text. You will also see who received notice electronically in this case. You may print this for your records, or it will be available at any time through the docket report.



A new bankruptcy case has been successfully opened in the CM/ECF system. To complete this filing, the fee needs to be paid, creditors uploaded, and assign a Judge and Trustee. You can review those documents next.

If you have any questions regarding filing in the CM/ECF system, you can contact the CM/ECF Helpdesk using one of the following methods.

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