

**File an Adversary Proceeding (submit the Summons as an attachment).**

**STEP 1** Select **Adversary** from the CM/ECF toolbar, then select **Open Adversary Proceeding**.



**STEP 2** The **Open Adversary Case** screen displays.

A screenshot of the 'Open Adversary Case' screen. The screen has a dark blue header with the 'ECF' logo and the word 'Bankruptcy'. Below the header, the title 'Open Adversary Case' is displayed. The form contains three fields: 'Case type' with the value 'ap', 'Date filed' with the value '7/19/2006', and 'Complaint' with a dropdown menu showing 'y'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Next' and 'Clear'.

- ◆ **Case Type** - select 'ap.'
- ◆ **Date Filed** - will always default to current date.
- ◆ **Complaint** - select 'y' for a **Complaint**, 'n' for a **Notice of Removal**.
- ◆ Click on the **Next** button.

**STEP 3** The **Add Associated Cases** screen displays.

A screenshot of the 'Add Associated Cases' screen. The screen has a light blue background. It contains two input fields: 'Lead case number' with the value '03-20839' and 'Association type' with a dropdown menu showing 'Adversary'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Next' and 'Clear'.

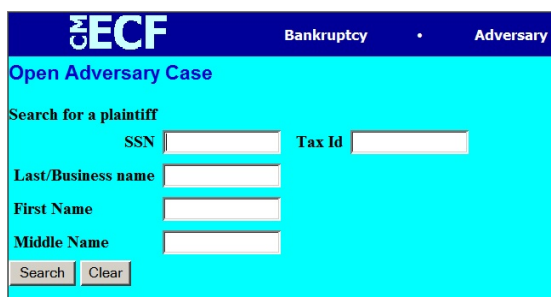
- ◆ **Lead case number** - type in the main bankruptcy case number in the format shown in the example.
- ◆ **Association type** - select 'Adversary.'
- ◆ Click on the **Next** button.

**STEP 4** The **Case Division Assignment** screen displays.



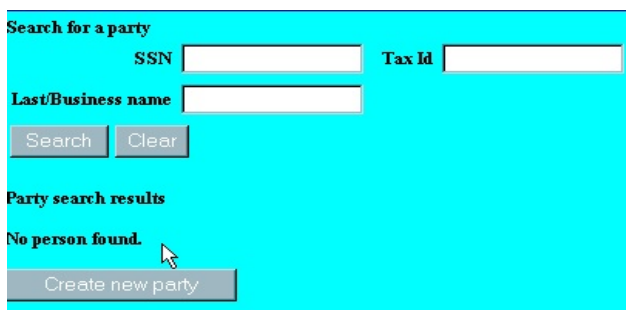
- Click on the **Next** button.

**STEP 5** The **Search for a plaintiff** screen is displayed. In this step you will be adding the **plaintiff(s)** to this adversary proceeding.



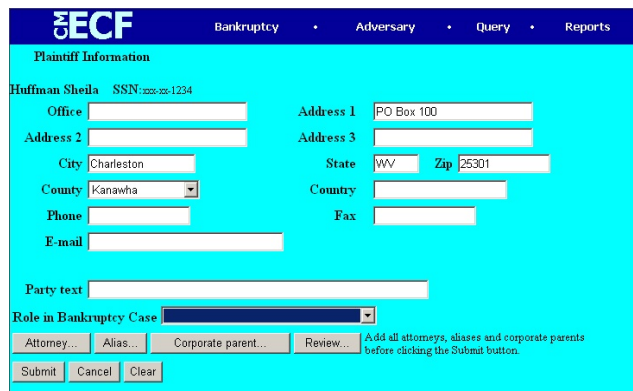
- ◆ Type in the Last Name or Business Name. DO NOT SEARCH BY THE SSN or TAX ID numbers.
- ◆ Click on the **Search** button.

**STEP 6** The **Party search** results are displayed.



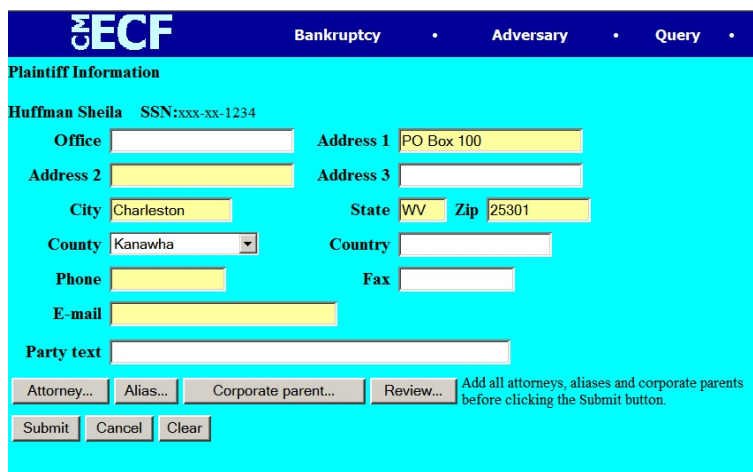
- ◆ If the party's name appears in the **Party search results** window, highlight the name and click the **Select name from list** button.
- ◆ If the party's name does not appear in the **Party search results** window or you see a **No person found** response, click on the **Create new party** button and proceed to **Step 8**.

**STEP 7** The **Plaintiff Information** screen is displayed.




- ◆ **Party text** - if there is text after the party's name (i.e. 'Ohio Corporation,' 'Trustee,' etc.) type it in this field.
  - ◆ **Role in Bankruptcy Case** -
  - ◆ **Role** - select the role of the plaintiff in the case (i.e. creditor, debtor, etc.)
  - ◆ **Alias** - select this button if the party has any known aliases.
  - ◆ **Attorney** - select this button to enter an attorney if the party is represented by one.
- Proceed to **Step 9**.

**STEP 8** If your party does not appear in the pick list or you received a **No person found** message, you will need to add the party to the database. Select **Create new party**. The **Plaintiff Information** screen will be displayed.



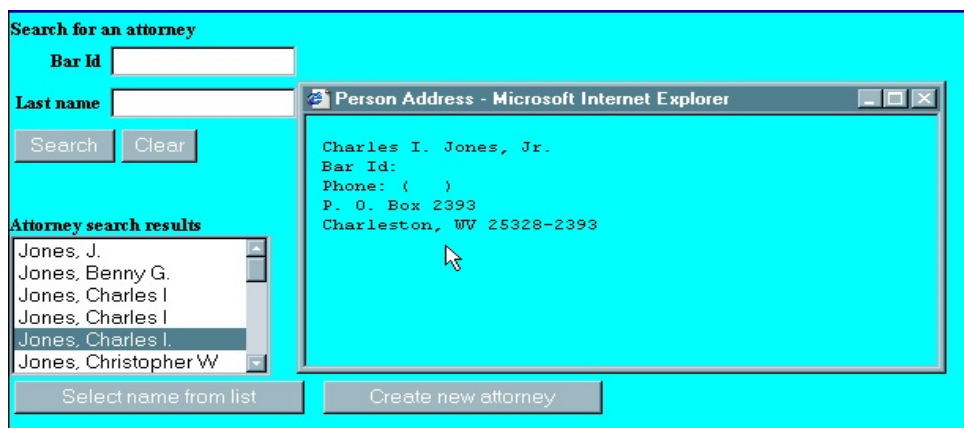
- ◆ Refer to **Step 7** for adding party information.

**STEP 9** After the *Plaintiff Information* has been added, click on the **Attorney** button to add an attorney to the case. The **Search for an attorney** screen will be displayed.



- ◆ **Last name** - type in up to 10 letters of the attorney's last name and click on the **Search** button.
- ◆ **Bar Id** - this field is for information only; do not do a search for an attorney using the Bar Id.
- ◆ Click on the **Search** button.

**STEP 10** The **Attorney search results** displays.



- ◆ If the attorney's name appears in the **Attorney search results** window, click on **Select name from list** and proceed to **Step 12**.
- ◆ If the attorney's name is not listed, or '**No person found**' appears, click on the **Create new attorney** button.

**STEP 11** If you clicked on the **Create new attorney** button, the following **Attorney Information** screen will display.



**Attorney Information** (Party Milton Construction Company, )

Last name  First name

Middle name  Generation

Title  Bar Id

Office  Address 1

Address 2  Address 3

City  State

Zip  Country

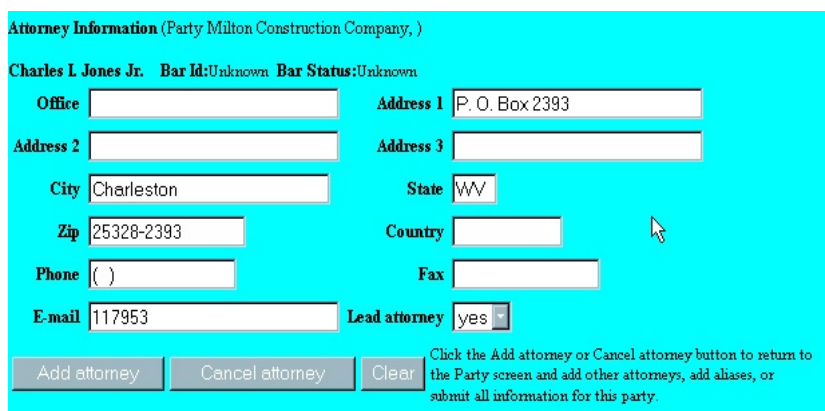
Phone  Fax

E-mail  Lead attorney

Click the Add attorney or Cancel attorney button to return to the Party screen and add other attorneys, add aliases, or submit all information for this party.

- ◆ Enter name and address of attorney for the party.
- ◆ Select **Add attorney**.
- ◆ The **Plaintiff Information** screen appears. Select **Submit** if you do not have another attorney to add for this plaintiff. If you have another attorney to add for this plaintiff, select **Attorney** and repeat **Steps 9, 10 and 11**.

**STEP 12** If the attorney's name appeared, the **Attorney Information** screen is displayed.



**Attorney Information** (Party Milton Construction Company, )

Charles L. Jones Jr. Bar Id:Unknown Bar Status:Unknown

Office  Address 1

Address 2  Address 3

City  State

Zip  Country

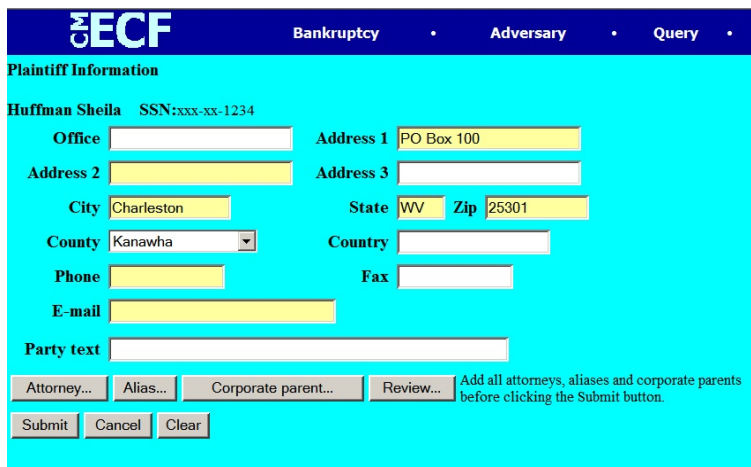
Phone  Fax

E-mail  Lead attorney

Click the Add attorney or Cancel attorney button to return to the Party screen and add other attorneys, add aliases, or submit all information for this party.

- ◆ **Lead attorney** - select 'yes' if this is the lead (or only) attorney for this party.
- ◆ Select **Add Attorney**.

**STEP 13** The **Plaintiff Information** screen is displayed again.



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**Plaintiff Information**

Huffman Sheila SSN:xxx-xx-1234

Office  Address 1

Address 2  Address 3

City  State  Zip

County  Country

Phone  Fax

E-mail

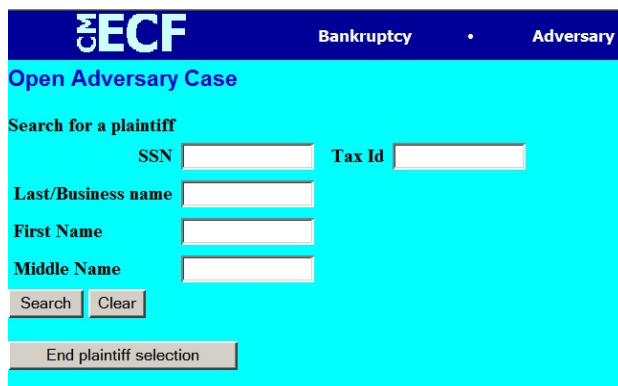
Party text

Attorney... Alias... Corporate parent... Review... Add all attorneys, aliases and corporate parents before clicking the Submit button.

Submit Cancel Clear

- ◆ Verify information. Selecting the *Review* button allows you to view all aliases and attorneys you have added for this party.
- ◆ Select **Submit**. This will add the party to this adversary proceeding.

**STEP 14** The **Search for a plaintiff** screen displays again.



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**Open Adversary Case**

Search for a plaintiff

SSN  Tax Id

Last/Business name

First Name

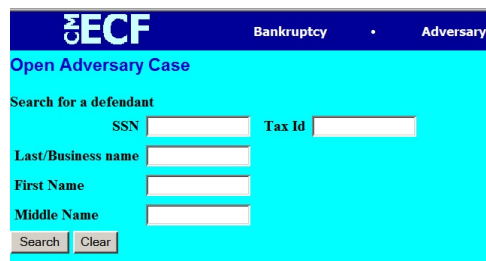
Middle Name

Search Clear

End plaintiff selection

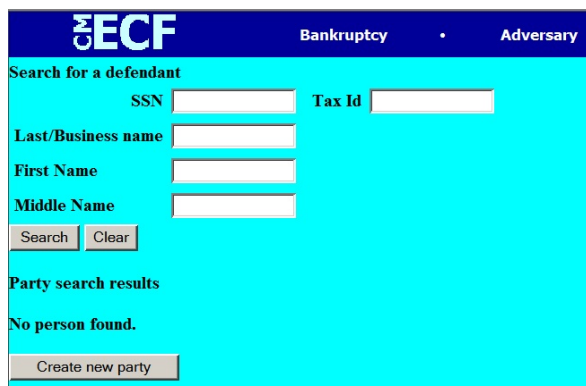
- ◆ Refer back to **Step 5** to continue adding all plaintiffs.
- ◆ When all plaintiffs have been added, select **End Plaintiff Selection**.

**STEP 15** The **Search for a defendant** screen is displayed. In this step you will be adding the **defendant(s)** to this adversary proceeding.



- ◆ Type in the Last Name or Business Name. DO NOT SEARCH BY THE SSN or TAX ID numbers.
- ◆ Click on the **Search** button.

**STEP 16** The **Defendant search** results are displayed.



- ◆ If the defendant's name appears in the **Party search results** window, highlight the name and click the **Select name from list** button.
- ◆ If the defendant's name does not appear in the **Party search results** window or you see a **No person found** response, click on the **Create new party button** and proceed to **Step 18**.

**STEP 17** The **Defendant Information** screen is displayed.

- ◆ **Party text** - if there is text after the party's name (i.e. 'Ohio Corporation,' 'Trustee,' etc.) type it in this field.
- ◆ **Role in Bankruptcy Case** - select the role of the defendant (i.e. debtor, creditor, etc.)
- ◆ **Alias** - select this button if the party has any known aliases.
- ◆ **Attorney** - **REMEMBER - DO NOT ADD AN ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT(S). DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY IS ADDED WHEN AN ANSWER IS FILED.**
- ◆ Click **Submit**.
- ◆ Refer to **Step 18** for adding party information.

**STEP 18** If your party does not appear in the pick list or you received a **No person found** message, you will need to add the party to the database. Select **Create new party**. The **Defendant Information** screen will be displayed.

- ◆ Refer to **Step 17** for adding party information.



**STEP 19** The **Search for a defendant** screen displays again.

- ◆ Refer back to **Step 17** to continue adding all defendants.
- ◆ When all defendants have been added, select **End Defendant Selection**

**STEP 20** The **Open Adversary Case** screen with statistical information is displayed.

- ◆ **Party code** - select the role of the United States in this adversary proceeding.
- ◆ **Primary Nature of Suit** - select the relief being sought. Select any secondary causes of action from the additional drop down boxes below the **Primary Nature of Suite**.
- ◆ **Rule 23 (transfer action)** - select 'y'es or 'n'o.
- ◆ **Jury demand** - select party requesting a jury or *None*.
- ◆ **Demand (\$000)** - if this adversary complaint seeks monetary relief, enter the amount in thousands of dollars.
- ◆ **State law** - select 'y'es or 'n'o as applicable.
- ◆ Click on the **Next** button.

**STEP 21** The 7/13 Debtor Question Screen displays.

- ◆ Choose yes or no from the drop down box and click **Next**.

**STEP 22** The **Select pdf document** screen is displayed.

- ◆ Type the file name in the blank or click on **Browse** to select the **.pdf** file to associate with this event.
- ◆ **Attachments to Document:** **Attach the Summons to be issued by the Clerk's Office** - click on the 'Yes' radio button.
- ◆ The **Select one or more attachments** screen will display.

- ◆ Select the filename of your attachment by using **Browse**.
- ◆ Click on the arrow next to **Type** and click on type of attachment, if listed.
- ◆ Click in **Description** box and type in any additional description, or add description, if not listed under **Type**.
- ◆ Click on **Add to List**.
- ◆ Continue to add attachments using the steps above as necessary.
- ◆ Once all attachments have been added, click on **Next**.

**STEP 23** The **Fee** screen displays if the AP is not being filed by a Chapter 7 or Chapter debtor.



ECF Bankruptcy  
Open Adversary Case  
Fee: \$250  
Next Clear

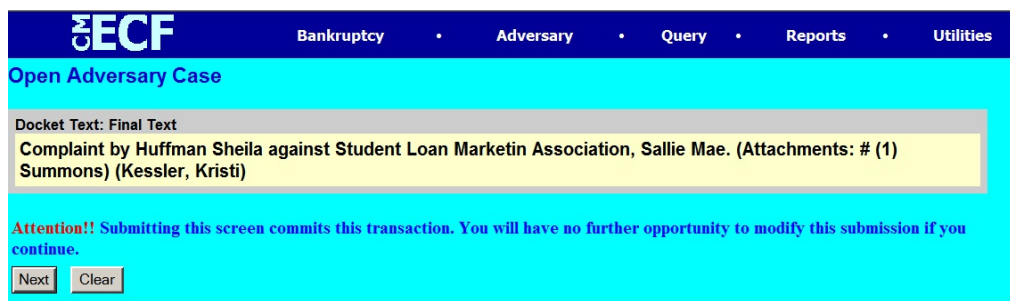
- ◆ The filing fee that will be charged to your Credit Card is shown.
- ◆ Click **Next** to continue.



ECF Bankruptcy  
Open Adversary Case  
Next Clear

- ◆ The above screen will appear twice, just click **Next** each time.

**STEP 24** The **Docket Text: Final Text** screen is displayed.



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Open Adversary Case  
Docket Text: Final Text  
Complaint by Huffman Sheila against Student Loan Marketin Association, Sallie Mae. (Attachments: # (1) Summons) (Kessler, Kristi)  
Attention!! Submitting this screen commits this transaction. You will have no further opportunity to modify this submission if you continue.  
Next Clear

- ◆ Verify the text docket entry. This is what will be displayed on the docket and is your final chance to correct any errors.
- ◆ Click on the **Next** button.

**STEP 25** A Summary of Current Charges: screen displays.**Summary of current charges:**

Date Incurred	Description	Amount
2003-09-23 11:09:33	Voluntary Petition (Chapter 7)(2:03-bk-20836) [misc,volp7aty] ( 200.00)	\$ 200.00
2003-09-23 11:28:49	Voluntary Petition (Chapter 7)(2:03-bk-20837) [misc,volp7aty] ( 200.00)	\$ 200.00
2003-09-23 14:37:20	Voluntary Petition (Chapter 7)(2:03-bk-20838) [misc,volp7aty] ( 200.00)	\$ 200.00
2003-09-24 13:28:41	Motion to Lift Automatic Stay(2:03-bk-20826) [motion,mrlfsty] ( 75.00)	\$ 75.00
2003-10-09 18:08:39	Debtor(s) Notice of Conversion to Chapter 7(2:03-bk-20826) [notice,dbntccrv] ( 15.00)	\$ 15.00
2003-10-14 10:53:11	Amended Schedules/Statements(2:03-bk-20839) [misc,amdsch] ( 20.00)	\$ 20.00
2003-10-16 14:15:58	Complaint(2:03-ap-02046) [cmp,cmp] ( 150.00)	\$ 150.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 960.00</b>

- ◆ Clicking on **Pay Now** will generate a single charge to your account.
- ◆ Clicking on **Continue Filing** will tally your charges to allow you to make a single charge for multiple filings.

**STEP 26** The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen displays. Note the Adversary Proceeding Case Number for your records.

Notice of Electronic Filing

The following transaction was received from atygh, entered on 10/16/2003 at 2:15 PM EDT and filed on 10/16/2003

Case Name: Milton Construction Company v. Doe field  
Case Number: [2:03-ap-02046](#)  
Document Number: [1](#)  
Case Name: John Erwin Doe field  
Case Number: [2:03-bk-20839](#)  
Document Number: [11](#)

**Docket Text:**  
Complaint by Milton Construction Company against John Erwin Doe field. 426 (Dischargeability 523). Fee Paid \$150 (Attachments: # (1) Summons) (atygh)

The following document(s) are associated with this transaction:

**Document description:**Main Document  
**Original filename:**O:\PDFfiles\Bankruptcy - Complaint.pdf  
**Electronic document Stamp:**  
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4f7f22bb75563806976ca8745adb7eab433602673e9f32ff42b536f207]]  
**Document description:**Summons  
**Original filename:**O:\PDFfiles\Bankruptcy - Summons.pdf

- ◆ The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen confirms that the system has received the adversary proceeding case and provides the following information:
  - ▶ Who file the document.
  - ▶ Date and Time
  - ▶ Case Name
  - ▶ Case Number
  - ▶ Document number
  - ▶ Original filename (pdf)
  - ▶ Electronic document stamp
  - ▶ Electronic mail recipients and manual notice lists