

## Objection to Motion

This lesson explains how to file an objection (or a response) to a motion or application. The lesson example is an objection to a Motion for Relief from Stay and Abandonment.

**Step 1** Click the [Bankruptcy](#) link on the CM/ECF Main Menu. (See Figure 1)



**Figure 1**

**Step 2** The **Bankruptcy Events** screen displays. (See Figure 2)



**Figure 2**

- ◆ Click the [Answer/Response](#) link.

**Step 3** The **Answer/Response** screen displays. (See Figure 3)



**Figure 3**

- ◆ Click the [Reference an Existing Document](#) link.

**Step 4** The **Case Number** screen displays. (See Figure 4)

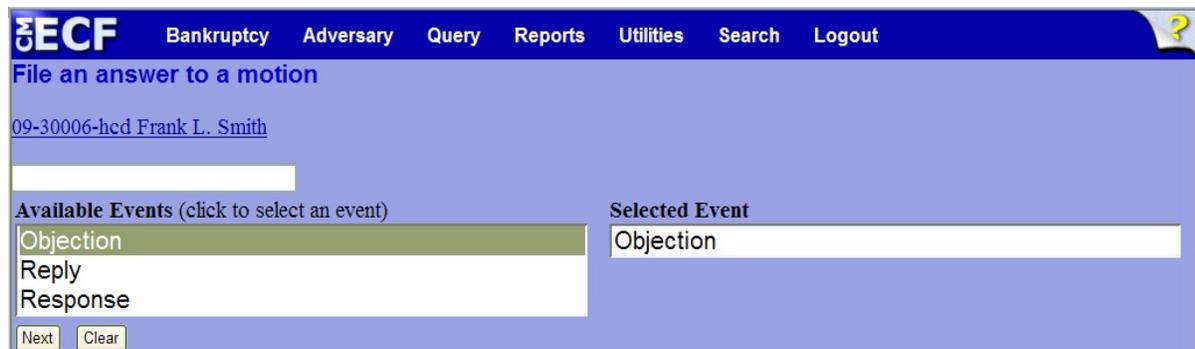


The screenshot shows the CM/ECF web interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the CM/ECF logo and menu items: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the navigation bar is a sub-header "File an answer to a motion". The main content area has a light blue background. A white box titled "Case Number" contains a text input field with "09-30006" and a "Find This Case" button. Below this box are "Next" and "Clear" buttons.

**Figure 4**

- ◆ Enter the case number, including the hyphen and click **Next** to continue.

**Step 5** The **Available Events** screen displays. (See Figure 5)



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**Figure 5**

- ◆ Select the appropriate event from the list, which will place the event in the **Selected Events** box on the right of the screen.
- ◆ When the event is chosen and in the **Selected Events** box, click **Next** to continue.

**Step 6** The **Joint filing with other attorney(s)** screen displays. (See Figure 6)



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Joint filing with other attorney(s).

Next Clear

**Figure 6**

- ◆ If this filing is a joint with another attorney from your office, put a check in the box and click **Next** to continue. If it is not joint, click **Next** to continue.

**Step 7** The **Party Selection** screen appears. (See Figure 7)



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**Select the Party:**

Gargula, Nancy J. [U.S. Trustee]  
Second Star Bank, [Creditor]  
Smith, Frank L. [Debtor]  
U.S. Whatever Bank, [Creditor]

[Add/Create New Party](#)

Next Clear

**Figure 7**

- ◆ Highlight the party filer and click **Next** to continue.

**NOTE:** If the party name is not appearing in the selection box, add them by clicking the [Add/Create New Party](#) link.

**Step 8** The **Attorney/Party Association** screen may appear. (See Figure 8)



**Figure 8**

- ◆ Read this screen carefully and make the attorney/party association if appropriate by putting a checkmark in the box provided. CM/ECF will now associate you as the attorney for that party.
- ◆ Click **Next** to continue.

**Step 9** The **PDF Document Selection** screen will then display. (See Figure 9a)



**Figure 9a**

- ◆ Click the **Browse** button, then navigate to the directory where the PDF file is located and select it with your mouse.
  - To make certain you are about to associate the correct PDF file for this entry, right click on the filename with your mouse and select **Open**. (See Figure 9b)

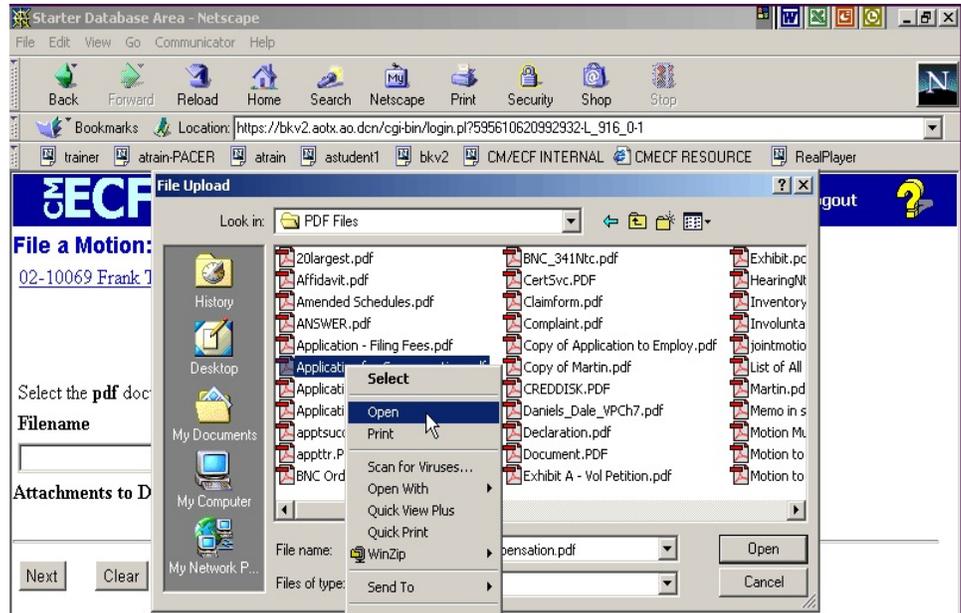


Figure 9b

- This will launch Adobe Acrobat Reader which will display the contents of the imaged document. Verify that the document is correct.
- Close the Adobe application and click **Open** on the file upload dialogue box. (See Figure 9c)

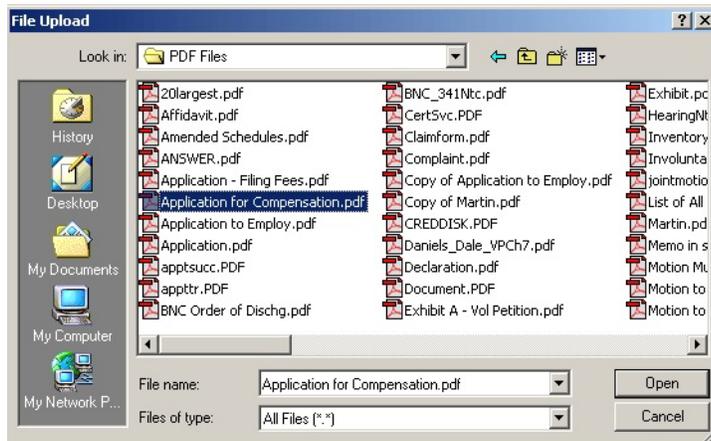


Figure 9c

- The **PDF Document Selection** screen will then show the pathway to the PDF file. (See Figure 9d)

Figure 9d

- Click **Next** to continue.

**Step 10** The **Category Selection** screen appears. (See Figure 10)

Figure 10

- ◆ Select the category that contains the motion to which you are objecting.
  - To display all documents for selection, highlight the entire category box.
- ◆ Selection may be narrowed by inserting a **Filed** date range or a **Document** range.
- ◆ Click **Next** to continue.

**Step 11** The **Document Selection** screen appears. (See Figure 11)

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Select the appropriate event(s) to which your event relates:

02/06/2009 9 Motion for Relief from Stay . Fee Amount \$150., Motion to Compel Abandonment . Receipt Number n/a, Fee Amount \$ 150 Filed by Creditor U.S. Whatever Bank. (Anderson, Kathryn)

08/24/2009 16 Motion for Relief from Stay . Fee Amount \$150., Motion for Abandonment *real estate commonly known as 123 Main St.*. Receipt Number N/A, Fee Amount \$ 150 Filed by Creditor Second Star Bank. (Miller, William)

Next Clear

**Figure 11**

- ◆ Place a checkmark in the box next to the motion to which you are objecting and click **Next** to continue.

**Step 12** A series of questions will be presented. (See Figure 12)

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Is this an objection to a post-confirmation modification of plan?

Yes  
No

Clear

**Figure 12**

- ◆ Select either **Yes** or **No** to answer each of these questions and click **Next** to continue.

**Step 13** The **Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate** screen appears. (See Figure 13)

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File an answer to a motion:

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Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.

▼ Objection to Motion for Relief From Stay, Motion for Abandonment  
Filed by Debtor Frank L. Smith (related document(s)[16] Motion for Relief From Stay filed by  
Creditor Second Star Bank, Motion for Abandonment). (Miller, William)

Next Clear

**Figure 13**

- ◆ If appropriate, choose a prefix such as *Emergency* from the **Prefix Text** pick list. Click **Next** to continue.

**Step 14** The **Docket Text: Final Text** screen displays. (See Figure 14)

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File an answer to a motion:

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Docket Text: Final Text

Objection to Motion for Relief From Stay, Motion for Abandonment Filed by Debtor  
Frank L. Smith (related document(s)[16] Motion for Relief From Stay filed by Creditor  
Second Star Bank, Motion for Abandonment). (Miller, William)

**Attention!!** Submitting this screen commits this transaction. You will have no further opportunity to  
modify this submission if you continue.

Next Clear

**Figure 14**

- ◆ Carefully verify the final docket text. This is your last chance to change this entry before filing. If correct, click **Next**.
- ◆ If the final docket text is incorrect:
  - Click the browser **Back** button to find the screen to be modified.
  - To abort or restart the transaction, click the [Bankruptcy](#) hyperlink on the **Main Menu Bar**.

**Step 15** The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen displays.

- ◆ This screen can be either saved or printed.