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NATIONWIDE CENTRAL INTAKE FACILITY (NCIF)

Beginning on October 1, 1990, all client agencies were instructed to refer their civil debts with a principal amount of $500,000 or less to the Nationwide Central Intake facility (NCIF) instead of directly to one of the 94 USAOs for litigation. (The amount increased to $1,000,000.00 on April 6, 1995.) The NCIF assigns these referrals to the appropriate USAO or private counsel.

Except where debtors have already filed bankruptcy, all such referrals under the Federal Claims Collection Standards, 31 C.F.R. Part 904, are sent to the NCIF.

The opening of the NCIF enabled the Department of Justice (DOJ) to accumulate a single, central, automated database of debts and demonstrate to Treasury and OMB better accuracy of the agency’s data.

The NCIF has also enabled DOJ to provide the referring agencies with reports on the debts referred, the litigating office handling the debt, and the disposition of closed debts.

As of October 1, 1991, referring agencies also send bankruptcy referrals through the NCIF.

TYPES OF CASES TO SEND TO THE NCIF

Agencies are to send the cases described below to the NCIF:

- Referrals for the litigation and collection of civil debts when the principal amount is $1,000,000 or less, submitted according to Section 105.1(a) of the Federal Claims Collection Standards, 31 C.F.R., Chapter IX, Part 904 (Authority to litigate claims with a principal amount over $1,000,000 is reserved for the Civil Division’s Commercial Litigation Branch).

- Bankruptcy cases where agencies are asking for some action by the USAO, even just requesting that a Proof of Claim be filed on their behalf.
TYPES OF CASES NOT TO SEND TO THE NCIF

Agencies are not to send "exception" cases to the NCIF. These exceptions include:

a) Antitrust Cases  
b) Environment and Natural Resources Cases  
c) Tax Cases  
d) Fraud Cases  
e) Interagency Claims  
f) Referrals for Renewal of Judgment Lien Only  
g) Referrals seeking only DOJ’s concurrence of the agency’s proposal to Suspend or Terminate action to collect the claim.

These "exception" cases will continue to be sent directly to the U.S. Attorney of jurisdiction, or to the proper litigating division at the Department. The data from these "exception" cases will not initially be entered into the CDCS system.

Any "exception" cases received through the NCIF will be forwarded to the appropriate division or returned to the referring agency.

THE NCIF PROCESS

SCREENING OF REFERRAL PACKAGES

NCIF Mailing Address:  Department of Justice  
Nationwide Central Intake Facility  
2 Constitution Square  
145 N St, NE Room 6W136  
Washington, DC 20002

$ All incoming referral packages are date stamped immediately upon receipt.

$ Based on the CCLR, the Zip Code of the debtor's address (or property address, if a foreclosure case) is used to verify the judicial district to which your agency directed the referral.

$ The CCLR processing begins immediately when the initial date check indicates the Statute of Limitations is close to expiration.

$ The initial quality control screening at the NCIF checks referrals for the following:
  o A completed CCLR must be included.
- The Statute of Limitations date must be a future date.
- The amount of principal referred must be greater than $2,500, unless:
  a) A bankruptcy claim;
  b) A "piggyback" claim (a claim that accompanies one or more other claims for the same debtor from the same agency);
  c) Other exception as noted on CCLR by the referring agency; or
  d) Referral to one of the 19 private counsel districts:

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$ In most cases, must contain credit data on the debtor obtained within the past 6 months or evidence of verified employment or debtor asset information. (Please see the CCLR instructions for exceptions.)
$ The package must include original signatures on the Certificates of Indebtedness.
$ Referrals with principal amounts over $1,000,000.00 should be mailed directly to the Civil Division.
$ Requests for DOJ Concurrence on Compromise, Suspension or Termination for debts over $100,000.00 should be mailed directly to the Civil Division.

**Civil Division Address:**

U. S. Department of Justice  
Civil Division  
Office of Commercial Litigation  
P. O. Box 875  
Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, DC 20044
WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER FILING A CLAIM

Referral packages go to the new claims entry processing section where Case Processing enters claim information into the Consolidated Debt Collection System (CDCS).

Referrals that do not comply with the screening criteria go into the database as declinations. "Client Agency Declination" letters are generated and returned to the referring agency with the referral package.

Referrals that comply with the NCIF screening criteria become cases in CDCS.

a) "Client Agency Acknowledgment" letters are generated for each claim. These letters acknowledge receipt of the claim by the NCIF, and report the date referred and the judicial district to which the claim was referred.

b) The entire package is then mailed to the Financial Litigation Unit in the USAO of jurisdiction or to a Private Counsel Office litigating on behalf of the Justice Department.

c) Referrals that comply with the NCIF screening criteria may be subject to immediate declination after review by the USAO. (The USAO returns declined claims directly to the referring agency and notifies the NCIF of the declination.)
CASES ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEYS

$ The NCIF is designed to track ALL cases that are being litigated by the Department of Justice's USAOs. This INCLUDES cases assigned to Special Assistant U. S. Attorneys (SAUSAs).

$ DOJ’s Debt Collection Management Staff has advised agencies that they must send the NCIF a "copy" of the CCLR when referrals will be assigned to a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) so that the NCIF can enter the claim into CDCS. In such cases, we ask you to indicate on the CCLR that the claim is assigned to a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney.

$ Once the NCIF enters these cases, the NCIF "Client Agency Acknowledgment" letters are generated for each claim and mailed to the referring agency office.

This procedure alerts the U.S. Attorneys to cases that are being litigated on their behalf by SAUSAs.

WHAT AGENCIES CAN DO TO HELP

$ Always use the most recent CCLR, and follow the CCLR Instructions.

$ Avoid sending duplicate referrals to the USAO and the NCIF unless a time problem is involved.

$ When phone calls are received from debtors whose debts have been referred to DOJ, direct them to the USAO to which the case was referred, NOT to the NCIF.

$ Once a case has been referred through the NCIF, forward any follow up documents or information directly to the responsible USAO, NOT to the NCIF.

$ Refer to the new Federal Claims Collection Standards, 31 CFR, Chap IX, Part 904, Referrals to Department of Justice. You can download this document at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/31cfr904_02.html.

Note: Once you refer a debt to the Department of Justice, you must immediately terminate the use of any administrative collection activities, refrain from having any contact with the debtor, and direct all debtor inquiries concerning the debt to the Department of Justice. You should also inform DOJ of any payments credited to the debtor’s account after referral to DOJ.

$ When you want to renew a Judgment Lien already referred to DOJ, contact the U. S. Attorney directly, NOT the NCIF.
BANKRUPTCY REFERRAL PROCEDURES

如果你想你的机构提交了一个证明债权（POC），司法部就不需要被通知。

如果你想你的机构要求司法部只提交一个PSC（债权）代表你，你必须完成并提交以下信息给NCIF：

a) 完成CCLR的第一个页面（债权概览页面），并填写第1-11号区块中的相关破产信息。此外，你应该在第8-b区块的空白处填写"POC only"。

b) 在第9-a（债权金额）中填写所有适用的空格。此信息应代表证明债权中发现的金额或对其估计的金额。**DO NOT**修改第9-a项，因为这些财务信息直接与计算机数据库中的固定字段相关。

c) 附上证明债权的副本。

如果你想你的机构要求司法部做更多的事情，如提交证明债权之外的文件，你必须向NCIF提交以下信息：

a) 完成**所有**适用的全CCLR部分。

b) 附上证明债权的副本和其他相关文件。

**重要说明**：如果在30天内有新的破产案件，你应该直接将原始信息发送到司法部。

如果你想你的机构收到已经通过NCIF转介的破产案件的通知，你应该直接通知司法部，以避免重复计算。

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BENEFITS TO CLIENT AGENCIES

The NCIF provides:

$ A single, central location for processing and forwarding of civil referrals.

$ A single contact point for dealing with misdirected or problem referrals.

$ Consistency in requirements for preparing acceptable referral packages for DOJ.

$ The ability to obtain reports by client agency department, division or location for use in verifying referral data and reconciling data discrepancies.

$ Consolidated data and accountability of debt collection actions and transactions in the CDCS database.

DEBARMENT PROVISION OF THE FEDERAL DEBT COLLECTION PROCEDURES ACT (FDCPA)

$ A debarment provision within the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act of 1990 (FDCPA) 28 U.S.C. § 3201(e), provides that people who have defaulted on their obligations to repay previous federal financial assistance, and against whom the DOJ has secured a judgment for their federal debt, may not be eligible for certain further federal financial benefits, until the judgments outstanding against them are paid in full or otherwise satisfied.