

Notice to ECF Users Regarding the SolarWinds Cybersecurity Breach

Due to the SolarWinds cybersecurity breach, the Judiciary is implementing additional safeguards to protect documents and information. A potential compromise of the confidentiality of CM/ECF systems due to discovered vulnerabilities currently is under investigation. Due to the nature of the attacks, the review of this matter and its impact is ongoing. The attack appears to impact highly sensitive, sealed documents submitted and stored on the CM/ECF electronic docket.

The Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan require that sealed documents be filed in paper form over the counter, i.e, not on the electronic docket. We have preliminarily concluded that no highly sensitive, sealed documents are currently stored on our electronic docket, and further, that no changes are required to our current CM/ECF filing procedures and protocols arising from these identified vulnerabilities. The Court continues to monitor and evaluate ongoing developments around these issues for impact on its systems and CM/ECF users.

Please see the referenced article for additional information:

<https://www.uscourts.gov/news/2021/01/06/judiciary-addresses-cybersecurity-breach-extra-safeguards-protect-sensitive-court>.