

**Announcing New Filing Procedures for  
Notices and Stipulations of Voluntary Dismissal  
Pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)**

Effective August 1, 2008, in cases assigned to the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system, all notices and stipulations of voluntary dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A) must be filed electronically on the ECF system.

Paper versions of notices and stipulations pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A) in ECF cases will no longer be accepted for filing effective August 1, 2008.

Please use the following ECF filing events:

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL to file a notice pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i); and

STIPULATION OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL to file a stipulation pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii).

In accordance with Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), stipulations of voluntary dismissal require the signature of all parties who have appeared in the action. Partial stipulations of voluntary dismissal, seeking to dismiss some but not all parties, must continue to be submitted by e-mail to the Judgment Clerk to be conformed for the Court's approval (see SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions, section 18).

In cases not assigned to the ECF system, notices and stipulations filed pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A) must continue to be filed in paper form with the Judgment Clerk.

Complete filing instructions and sample forms are available at:  
<http://www1.nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php>