NWYD CM/ECF 6.3 Upgrade Notes

Nature of Suit and Cause of Action Code Added

The Subcommittee on Judicial Statistics agreed to create a new Nature of Suit (NOS) for cases involving the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). A new NOS Code (485) has been created to identify these cases along with new Cause of Action value 47 U.S.C. § 227.

The TCPA, which limits the use of automatic dialers, text messages, faxes, and other automated telephone equipment for telemarketing purposes, was enacted in 1991 and is codified as 47 U.S.C. § 227. From 1991 through 2012, there were very few TCPA cases filed in the federal courts as the majority of circuits had ruled that the statutory language does not grant federal question jurisdiction to private TCPA actions. In 2012 The Supreme Court ruled unanimously in Mims v. Arrow Fin Servs., LLC, 565 U.S. 368 (2012), that federal courts have federal question jurisdiction in private TCPA cases, and the number of TCPA filings has increased substantially.

NATURE OF SUIT CODE	DESCRIPTION
485	Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)

CAUSE OF ACTION CODE	DESCRIPTION
47:227	47:227 Restrictions of Use of Telephone Equipment

Pay.gov Changes

- The Application Name on file for the court at Pay.gov now appears as the page header.
- The **ZIP/Postal Code** no longer populates automatically from the user's CM/ECF account information; however, the **Account Holder Name** and the first line of the **Billing Address** still populate automatically.
- The **Country** field no longer defaults to "United States."
- When the **Country** field populates, the **State/Province** and **ZIP/Postal Code** fields become required fields.
- The option to receive an email from Pay.gov when a payment is made has been removed.

Known Issue

Unable to Create Combined PDF File

When viewing a docket entry with 2 or more attachments, the view all button is unable to combine the files into a single pdf.

Temporary Solution

Users will need to click on each attachment and view the documents individually. If combination is necessary, use Adobe Acrobat or other software to combine the files manually.