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### **Fake Electronic Filings Notifications Scam Targets Attorneys**

The U.S. Courts report that attorneys across the country are being targeted with fake electronic filing notifications, in which emails purporting to come from the federal Judiciary's Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system led recipients to a malicious website with computer viruses.

According to the IT Security Office for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the fake Notices of Electronic Filing prompt recipients to reply immediately. Recipients are then sent an email containing a link to access fake case documents that direct users to a malicious website.

Avoid becoming a victim of the scam by taking the following precautions:

- Be sure to always validate cases and case documentation directly through your local federal court's CM/ECF system.
- Never download attachments or click on links from unofficial or questionable sources.

If you receive a suspicious email regarding a federal court case, [contact the federal court in your jurisdiction](#) before opening any attachments or links. To report a suspicious email in the Northern District of Illinois, contact the district's Help Desk at (312) 435-5670 or [e-chat](#).

Visit the [federal court scams page](#) for more information about scams targeting people who interact with the federal courts.

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