

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

IN RE:  
SERVICE OF RULE 68  
OFFERS OF JUDGMENT

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MISC. NO. 00-308

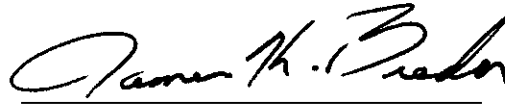
**STANDING ORDER 2018-08**

Offers of judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 68 may be made by service upon an opposing party but are only filed with the Court after acceptance or as evidence in a proceeding to determine costs. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) was recently amended to provide for service by sending a paper to a registered user by filing it with the Court's electronic filing system, effective December 1, 2018. In order to clarify the appropriate procedures regarding offers of judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 68, it is hereby

ORDERED by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland that, notwithstanding Fed. R. Civ. P 5(b)(2)(E), service of offers of judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 68 may not be made by filing such offers with the Court's electronic filing system; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 68, only accepted offers may be filed with the Court. Evidence of an unaccepted offer is not admissible except in a proceeding to determine costs.

December 12, 2018  
Date

  
James K. Bredar, Chief Judge  
United States District Court