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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO OFFICIAL BANKRUPTCY FORMS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND DIRECTOR'S PROCEDURAL FORMS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2007

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Summary of Amendments to Official Bankruptcy Forms:

Official Form 1, Voluntary Petition [revised 12/07] The amendments increase the number of ranges for the estimated number of creditors, estimated assets, and estimated liabilities; replace the word Statement in "Statement by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property" with Certification, and provide a checkbox for the debtor to certify he/she has served the landlord with the certification; and provide a notice advising the attorney that the attorney's signature constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

Official Forms 3A, Application and Order to Pay Filing Fee in Installments, and 3B, Application For Waiver of Chapter 7 Filing Fee [revised 12/07] The amendments are stylistic.

Official Form 4, List of Creditors Holding 20 Largest Unsecured Claims [revised 12/07] The amendments add a direction to include, for noticing purposes, the name, address, and legal relationship to the child of "a person described" in Rule 1007(m), and require that a minor included in the list of creditors be identified only by the minor's initials.

Official Form 5, Involuntary Petition [revised 12/07] The amendments require the use of only the last four digits of an individual debtor's taxpayer-information number.

Official Form 6, Schedules, including Schedules A-J The amendments require only the initials of a minor instead of the minor's full name; and make stylistic changes. Amendments to Schedules I and J of Official Form 6 include a statement advising debtors that the income and expense amounts on the schedules may differ from the income and expense amounts listed on the means test form. Amendments to the Declaration Sheet in Official Form 6 clarify the reference to page totals.

Official Form 7, Statement of Financial Affairs [revised 12/07] The amendments add a direction to include, for noticing purposes, the name, address, and legal relationship to the child of "a person described" in Rule 1007(m); require that a minor be identified by initials instead of full name on the form; require, in Question 3, a debtor with primarily non-consumer debts to report only those transfers that aggregate more than $5,475 to any creditor in the 90-day period prior to the filing of the petition, and clarify the language of the question.

Official Form 9 (A - I), Notice of Commencement of Case under the Bankruptcy Code, Meeting of Creditors, and Deadlines [revised 12/07] The amendments include only the last four digits of any individual taxpayer-identification number in accordance with Rule 9037. In addition to stylistic changes, the forms are revised to clarify the references to creditors with foreign addresses.

Official Form 10, Proof of Claim [revised 12/07] The amendments provide for more accurate addresses for transmittal of payments and notices; indicate that a particular proof of claim has been replaced; and update the Instructions and Definitions portions of the form.

Official Form 16A, Caption (Full), and Official Form 18, Discharge of Debtor in a Chapter 7 Case [revised 12/07] The amendment conforms with Rule 9037 by directing the filer to provide only the last four digits of any individual debtor's taxpayer-identification number.

Official Form 19, Declaration and Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer [new 12/07] Replaces Forms 19A and 19B (which were abrogated.) Form 19 must be completed upon the initial and any subsequent filings.

Official Form 21, Statement of Social-Security Number [revised 12/07] The amendments direct an individual debtor who does not have a social-security number, but does have another government-issued individual taxpayer-identification number, to furnish that number to the court.

Official Form 23, Debtor's Certification of Completion of Instructional Course Concerning Financial Management [revised 12/07] The amendments include instructions that state the deadlines for filing the certification in chapter 7, chapter 11 in which § 1141(d)(3) applies, and chapter 13 cases, and remind the debtor that the form is not to be used for filing a certification of pre-petition credit counseling.

Official Form 24, Certification to Court of Appeals by All Parties [revised 12/07] The amendments include a signature line for the appellee and the appellee's attorney.

Summary of Amendments to Bankruptcy Director's Procedural Forms Effective August 1, 2007:
The following Bankruptcy Director's Procedural Forms were amended effective August 1, 2007. The amendments, conform these forms to the pending amendment to Official Form 16A and new Rule 9037, which will be effective on December 1, 2007. Captions were changed to make them more consistent and to eliminate all but the last four digits of the debtor's Social Security number or individual taxpayer-identification number. Stylistic amendments were also made. The amended forms, with further notes where relevant, are:

- **Form B13S,** Order Conditionally Approving Disclosure Statement, Fixing Time for Filing Acceptances or Rejections of Plan, and Fixing the Time for Filing Objections to the Disclosure Statement and to the Confirmation of the Plan, Combined with Notice Thereof and of the Hearing on Final Approval of the Disclosure Statement and the Hearing on Confirmation of the Plan. The reference to an election to be considered a small business Chapter 11 case was deleted.
- **Form B15S**, Order Approving Disclosure Statement and Confirming Plan.
- **Form B18F**, Discharge of Debtor After Completion of Chapter 12 Plan.
- **Form B18FH**, Discharge of Debtor Before Completion of Chapter 12 Plan.
- **Form B18J**, Discharge of Joint Debtors (Chapter 7).
- **Form B18JO**, Discharge of One Joint Debtor (Chapter 7).
- **Form 18W**, Discharge of Debtor After Completion of Chapter 13 Plan
- **Form 18WH**, Discharge of Debtor Before Completion of Chapter 13 Plan
- **Form B104**, Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet. The nature of suit code 71 was reworded.
- **Form B132**, Application for Search of Bankruptcy Records.
- **Form B202**, Statement of Military Service.
- **Form B204**, Notice of Need to File Proof of Claim Due to Recovery of Assets.
- **Form B205**, Notice to Creditors and Other Parties in Interest.
- **Form B206**, Certificate of Commencement of Case.
- **Form B207**, Certificate of Retention of Debtor in Possession.
- **Form B230A**, Order Confirming Chapter 12 Plan.
- **Form B230B**, Order Confirming Chapter 13 Plan.
- **Form B231A**, Order Fixing Time to Object to Proposed Modification of Confirmed Chapter 12 Plan.
- **Form B231B**, Order Fixing Time to Object to Proposed Modification of Confirmed Chapter 13 Plan.
- **Form B253**, Order for Relief in an Involuntary Case.
- **Form B270**, Notice of Filing of Final Report of Trustee, of Hearing on Applications for Compensation [and of Hearing on Abandonment of Property by the Trustee.]

Forms 130A, Bankruptcy Case Index Card, and 130B, Adversary Proceeding Index Card were abrogated.

Use of the current version of the Official Bankruptcy forms and Director's Procedural Bankruptcy Forms are required.

Additional information regarding these amendments may be found at www.uscourts.gov/bankform. This notice is for informational purposes only. You should refer to the Interim Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures, Official Forms, and official comments for complete information and guidance.

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