

**In the Matter of Issuance of
Chapter 13 Discharges**

Standing Order

WHEREAS, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) requires the debtor to meet certain requirements before a discharge can be issued in a Chapter 13 case, including those set out at 11 USC §§1328(h) and 522(q) (“Bankruptcy Code”); and whereas, Procedural Form B283, entitled “Chapter 13 Debtor’s Certifications regarding Domestic Support Obligations and Section 522(q),” has been approved for use by the Judicial Conference of the United States to satisfy these requirements, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Procedural Form B283, entitled “Chapter 13 Debtor’s Certifications regarding Domestic Support Obligations and Section 522(q),” issued by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts is required for use in this District; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Chapter 13 debtor’s failure to timely file Procedural Form B283 will result in the case being closed without a discharge; and it is further

ORDERED, that parties be provided notice of an opportunity to file objections and/or request a hearing regarding the applicability of §522(q) of the Bankruptcy Code as it relates to the issuance of a discharge. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(11), said notice will be included in the Summary of Trustee’s Case Closing Report and Account, or by separate notice issued by the Court, beginning with notices issued on or after January 1, 2009; and it is further

ORDERED, that if no objections and/or requests for a hearing are filed with respect to the possible applicability of §1328(h), and the debtor is otherwise eligible to receive a discharge, the Court may issue a discharge in the case; and it is further

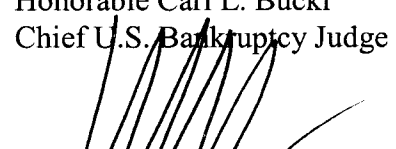
ORDERED, that if the case is closed without a discharge, the debtor must file a motion to reopen the case and pay the requisite filing fee in order to obtain a discharge. The fee to reopen a case to obtain a discharge will not be waived; and it is further

ORDERED, that these procedures become effective for all Chapter 13 cases commenced under BAPCPA for which notice of an opportunity to request a hearing was provided, as indicated above.

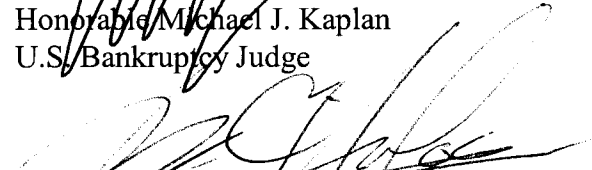
Dated: December 11, 2008



Honorable Carl L. Bucki
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Honorable Michael J. Kaplan
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Honorable John C. Ninfo, II
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge