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## Meet the Honorable Michele J. Kim

On June 23, 2017, the Honorable Michele J. Kim was sworn in as our new U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Georgia. The court is pleased to have Judge Kim on board! Her chambers are located in the Brunswick Division.



The bankruptcy judges gathered for a group shot at Judge Kim’s swearing in ceremony. *From left to right:* Judge John S. Dalis (now retired after serving 30 years as a judge in this district and five months on recall), Chief Judge Susan D. Barrett, Judge Michele J. Kim, and Judge Edward J. Coleman, III.

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\* Clerk’s Office Hours Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

## Meet the Honorable Michele J. Kim

Born in Midland, Michigan, Judge Kim moved with her family to Augusta, Georgia, when she was a young girl. She graduated from high school in Augusta, and then obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia. For three years, she worked in marketing for Anheuser-Busch, and then she returned to the University of Georgia for law school.

Upon receiving her law degree, Judge Kim moved to Brunswick to serve as a law clerk to the Honorable John S. Dalis, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, followed by a clerkship with the Honorable Anthony A. Alaimo, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia. Thereafter, Judge Kim went into practice with King & Spalding in Atlanta, where she specialized in corporate restructuring, federal compliance, and commercial real estate and lending.

Since 2014, Judge Kim has been married to Ryan Babcock, a fellow attorney. Both are thrilled to be living on the coast.

Please help us welcome Judge Kim as our new judge!



The Honorable J. Randal Hall (*right*), Chief U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, administered the oath of office to Judge Kim.

## Amendments to Federal Rules Scheduled to Take Effect 12/1/2017

The following rules were adopted by the Supreme Court and transmitted to Congress on April 27, 2017:

**Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure:** 1001, 1006, 1015, 2002, 3002, 3007, 3012, 3015, 3015.1 (new), 4003, 5009, 7001, and 9009

**Federal Rule of Civil Procedure:** 4

**Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure:** 4

**Federal Rules of Evidence:** 803 and 902

These rules are scheduled to take effect December 1, 2017. The entire package of materials transmitted to Congress is available [here](#).

## Local Chapter 13 Plan

An amendment to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3015 requires the use of a [national Chapter 13 plan form](#) unless a district adopts a local plan form that meets the requirements of new Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3015.1. This court will opt out of the official plan form. The scheduled effective date of amended Rule 3015 and new Rule 3015.1 is December 1, 2017, which will also serve as the effective date of the new Chapter 13 plan form for the Southern District of Georgia.

The court appointed a Chapter 13 Plan Committee to review and revise the local Chapter 13 plan to meet the standards of new Rule 3015.1. The Committee members met regularly to provide feedback on drafts. On April 21, 2017, at the Coastal Bankruptcy Law Institute (CBLI) Bankruptcy Law and Trends Seminar held in Savannah, Chief Judge Barrett led a plenary session on the draft, local Chapter 13 plan and the related pending rule amendments, along with Huon Le, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the Augusta and Dublin Divisions (Committee Co-Chair), Paul A. Schofield (Committee Co-Chair), Attorney at The Schofield Law Firm, P.C., Brunswick, and Drew K. Stutzman, Attorney at Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams, LLP, Savannah. The three Standing Chapter 13 trustees in this district, Huon Le, Elaina Massey, and Byron Meredith, also led a break-out session on the plan and pending rule changes.

After considering feedback from CBLI, the court, in conjunction with the Chapter 13 Plan Committee, published a version of the draft, local plan for an initial comment period from May 5-31, 2017. A number of substantive comments were received. Following consideration of those comments and further Committee review and edits, the court posted a draft for a second and final comment period. See [Amended Public Notice](#) dated August 2, 2017. The draft plan may be accessed at: <http://www.gasb.uscourts.gov/pdf/CH13PlanDraftAug1-2017.pdf> Comments may be submitted to [bankruptcy\\_court@gas.uscourts.gov](mailto:bankruptcy_court@gas.uscourts.gov) on or before this **Thursday, August 31, 2017**. Comments received by the court are posted at: [Chapter 13 Plan–Public Comments](#) on the court’s website under News and Announcements.

## Chapter 13 Plan Committee

The court thanks the Chapter 13 Plan Committee for its efforts in revising the local Chapter 13 plan in preparation for the rule amendments effective 12/1/2017. Attorney/trustee participants include:

Huon Le (Co-Chair), Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Augusta and Dublin Divisions  
Paul A. Schofield (Co-Chair), Attorney at The Schofield Law Firm, P.C., Brunswick

Stephen F. Greenberg, Attorney at Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg, and Shawe, LLP, Savannah

Angela C. McElroy-Magruder, Attorney at Claeys, McElroy-Magruder & Kitchens, P.C., Augusta

M. Elaina Massey, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Brunswick and Waycross Divisions

O. Byron Meredith, III, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, Savannah and Statesboro Divisions

Joseph E. Mitchell, III, Attorney at Law, Augusta

L. Stephen O'Hearn, Jr., Attorney at Bart, Meyer & Company, LLP, Savannah

William S. Orange, III, Attorney at Law, Brunswick

Drew K. Stutzman, Attorney at Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams, LLP, Savannah

Charles W. Wills, Attorney at Wills Law Firm, LLC, Thomson

Court participants include:

Chief Judge Susan D. Barrett

Judge Edward J. Coleman, III

Judge Michele J. Kim

Judge John S. Dalis (now retired)

Dana M. Wilson, Law Clerk to Chief Judge Barrett

Lucinda Rauback, Clerk of Court

Meredith Mathis, Chief Deputy Clerk

Lainie Saul, Data Quality Analyst

*Thank  
you*

## Proposed Federal Rule Amendments Published for Public Comment

The Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure approved the following proposed amendments to rules and forms for public comment:

**Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure:** 3, 13, 26.1, 28, and 32

**Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure:** 2002, 4001, 6007, 9036, 9037, and Official Form 410

**Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure:** 16.1 (new)

**Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases:** 5

**Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings:** 5

**Federal Rules of Evidence:** 807

The proposed amendments and the reports of the advisory committees explaining the proposed changes are posted on the Judiciary's website at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment>

**The public comment period closes on February 15, 2018.**

### Chapter 13 “No Look” Fee

On June 30, 2017, the bankruptcy judges in this district held an en banc hearing in the miscellaneous proceeding of *In the Matter of Attorney Compensation in Chapter 13 Cases*, Misc. Proc. No. 17-00201, in which evidence and arguments were presented regarding why compensation of debtors' attorneys in Chapter 13 cases should be increased. On July 17, 2017, the court entered [General Order 2017-2](#), increasing the “no look” fee to \$4,500.00, effective in Chapter 13 cases filed on or after July 24, 2017. The order vacated General Order 2010-3.

## Updated Rule 26(f) Report and Scheduling Order to Account for *Stern*-Related Rule Amendments

As you will note, on December 1, 2016, there were amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure in response to the Supreme Court's opinion in *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S. Ct. 2594 (2011) and related opinions in *Executive Benefits Ins. Agency v. Arkison*, 134 S. Ct. 2165 (2014) and *Wellness Int'l Network, Ltd. v. Sharif*, 135 S. Ct. 1932 (2015). Rules 7008, 7012 and 9027 were amended to eliminate the requirement that a pleader include a statement that a proceeding is core or non-core. Now, in all proceedings, the pleader must state whether the party does or does not consent to entry of final orders and judgments by the bankruptcy court. This consent statement must be included in every complaint, counterclaim, cross-claim, third-party complaint, responsive pleading, notice of removal and any responsive pleading filed in connection with a removed action. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7008(a), 7012(b), 9027(a) and (e).

Rule 9033, addressing proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, was amended to eliminate language limiting the provision to non-core proceedings. The committee note, in part, states: "Some proceedings that satisfy the statutory definition of core proceedings, 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), may remain beyond the constitutional power of a bankruptcy judge to adjudicate finally."

Notably, new subdivision (b) of Rule 7016 states:

**DETERMINING PROCEDURE.** The bankruptcy court shall decide, on its own motion or a party's timely motion, whether:

- (1) to hear and determine that proceeding;
- (2) to hear the proceeding and issue proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law; or
- (3) to take some other action.

The committee note to Rule 7016(b), in part, reads: "The rule leaves the decision as to the appropriate course of proceedings to the bankruptcy court. The court's decision will be informed by the parties' statements, required under Rules 7008(a), 7012(b), and 9027(a) and (e), regarding consent to the entry of final orders and judgment."

The standard form templates for the Rule 26(f) Report and the court's Scheduling Order have been revised to specify that Rule 7016(b) motions must be filed within 30 days after the close of discovery. This is consistent with the deadline for filing other civil motions and Daubert motions, excluding motions in limine. The court's Scheduling Order also specifies that: "The failure of any party to file a Rule 7016(b) motion by this deadline shall constitute consent to this court entering all final orders and judgments in this proceeding." You may access a fillable version of the Rule 26(f) Report from the court's website under [Court Forms](#).

## eOrder Reminders

- The amendments to the court's [Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means](#) (effective December 1, 2016) made eOrders mandatory for electronic filers with full filing privileges (*i.e.*, attorneys admitted to practice before the court, trustees). Proposed orders are required to be filed on the docket and uploaded in eOrders. Please ensure that all proposed orders conform to the sample order templates as provided in the [eOrder Guidelines and Procedures](#) for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia. **When uploading an eOrder, do not include a distribution list or a certificate of service.** An order that includes such attachments will be returned to the filer who will be responsible for the removal of the pages and the re-upload of the order into the system.
- **Remember to include counsel identification on proposed orders.** Local Rule 9072-1(d) states: "Whenever any proposed order is submitted for entry by the bankruptcy court, including a consent order, the proposed order shall identify the attorney who prepared the order, the name of the party represented by such attorney, and shall include the attorney's signature, name, address, telephone number, and Georgia State Bar number, if the attorney is a member of the State Bar of Georgia."

## Updated Order on Motion for Relief from Stay

The following two modifications were made to the standard Order on Motion for Relief from Stay (Local Form B-55):

- The court deleted the following language and corresponding checkbox: "If relief is granted under this Order, Movant and Trustee shall thereafter be relieved from complying with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1 in the instant bankruptcy case prospectively from the date the relief is granted." The amendment to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(a), which became effective December 1, 2016, clarifies that: "Unless the court orders otherwise, the notice requirements of this rule cease to apply when an order terminating or annulling the automatic stay becomes effective with respect to the residence that secures the claim." Since Fed. R. Bankruptcy P. 3002.1(a) directly addresses this, the language and checkbox in the order are no longer needed.
- The revised form also provides fillable fields for including counsel identification that is consistent with the requirements of local Rule 9072-1(d).

The revised B-55 form is available on the court's public website in a fillable [eOrders format](#) as well as a fillable [format for use by pro se creditors](#). As you will recall, the [General Order 2017-1](#), entered April 20, 2017, makes use of the B-55 form permitted, but not required, in Chapter 11, Chapter 12, and non-consumer Chapter 7 cases. The B-55 form is still required to be used in all Chapter 13 cases and consumer Chapter 7 cases.

## Revised Judge Assignments

With the retirement of Judge John S. Dalis and the appointment of Judge Michele J. Kim, caseloads have been reassigned among all of the judges. Notably, cases in the Savannah and Statesboro Divisions will be split among the judges. Please see the chart below outlining the new case assignments, and remember that there may be specific cases recused or matters referred to a different judge.

Chief Judge Barrett	Judge Coleman	Judge Kim
All Augusta Cases	All Savannah Ch. 7, 11, 12 Cases	All Brunswick Cases
All Dublin Cases	70% of Savannah Ch. 13 Cases	30% of Savannah Ch. 13 Cases
All Statesboro Ch. 7 Cases	All Statesboro Ch. 11, 12, 13 Cases	All Waycross Cases

## Best Wishes to Lenaann Casalino on Her Retirement!

In June 2017, Lenaann Casalino retired from the Clerk's Office after twenty years of service in the Augusta Division. She began her career as a claims clerk, and she more recently served as the CM/ECF court trainer in Augusta. Over the years, the Clerk's Office relied on Lenaann's expertise as it made various changes, such as the transition to CM/ECF. In performing her duties, Lenaann was consistently sharp and detail-oriented. She possessed a wealth of knowledge regarding bankruptcy procedures that benefitted the Clerk's Office as a whole. She will be remembered for her hilarious personality, her talent for baking creative cookies, and her entertaining office decorations on special occasions.

In her retirement, Lenaann looks forward to having fun with her niece and nephew. Congratulations and good luck, Lenaann. We will miss you!



On June 22, 2017, Lenaann Casalino celebrated her retirement from the Clerk's Office.

## Spotlight on New Clerk's Office Employees

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia is pleased to introduce two new case managers in the Savannah Division, Holly Bowers (left) and Elizabeth Kaminski (right). Both were sworn in as deputy clerks on February 6, 2017, and have completed extensive case management training. The Clerk's Office is very excited to welcome Holly and Elizabeth into our court family.



**Holly Bowers** was previously employed as a paralegal at Galloway & Galloway in Savannah, GA. She received an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies from South University where she was a top Federal Work Study student for the Dean of Student Affairs. Holly also served as the Campus Ambassador for Pearson Publishing for the 2011-2012 school year. As Campus Ambassador, she attended the Pearson Publishing National Sales Meeting in San Diego, and she spoke regarding some of the challenges college students face day to day. Holly enjoys reading and doing crafts when she is not busy chasing her young son!

**Elizabeth Kaminski** was previously employed as a case manager for The Brown Firm, LLC, in Savannah. She was born in upstate New York, and her family moved to Georgia when she was 17. Elizabeth received dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and History from Valdosta State University (VSU). She participated in college athletics and won a Division II Collegiate National Championship title with the VSU cheerleading team in 2011. Elizabeth returns to VSU every Homecoming to cheer as an alumna. Elizabeth is looking forward to her upcoming wedding in the fall!

## Fond Farewell and Best Wishes to Departing Law Clerks

**Susan Roberts**, who served as a law clerk to the Honorable John S. Dalis for eleven years in this district, has moved to Gulfport, Mississippi. Susan will serve as a law clerk to the Honorable Katharine M. Samson, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Susan earned her undergraduate degree with a major in philosophy from Millsaps College, and her law degree at Mississippi College School of Law. Prior to serving as a law clerk in this district, Susan worked for six years as an attorney at the firm of Baker Donelson in its Jackson, Mississippi, office, where she practiced in the areas of antitrust, white collar crime, and environmental compliance.



Susan Roberts

Susan is an avid fan of CrossFit, and plans to continue her commitment to exercise in Mississippi. The court wishes Susan well, and she will be greatly missed!

**Taylor Dove**, who served as the Honorable Edward J. Coleman, III's law clerk for two years, has accepted a job at Rahimi, Hughes & Padgett, LLC, in Savannah.

Taylor grew up in Augusta, Georgia. He attended the University of South Carolina, where he majored in finance. Thereafter, he earned his law degree from the Georgia State University College of Law.

Taylor will be getting married in the fall, so he has many exciting changes happening! The court wishes him well as he embarks on his legal career and other endeavors.



*From left to right: Judge Coleman, Taylor Dove and Debbie Reese, Judicial Assistant.*

## Please Welcome the New Law Clerks!



Shannon Auvil

**Shannon Auvil**, law clerk to the Honorable Michele J. Kim, began her term on August 1, 2017, in Brunswick. She is a recent graduate from the University of Alabama School of Law. Her previous experience includes an internship with the U. S. Army JAG Corps at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and an internship with the Honorable L. Scott Coogler, U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

**Thomas A. Chappell (Alec)** began his term as a law clerk to the Honorable Edward J. Coleman, III, on August 7, 2017. Alec transferred directly from the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, where he served as a law clerk to the Honorable C. Ashley Royal. Alec also completed an internship with the Honorable Edgar Ennis, Jr., of Bibb County Superior Court. Alec is a graduate of Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law.



Alec Chappell with Judge Coleman

## 2017 Chambers Staff Advisory Group Meeting

On March 29-31, 2017, Debbie Reese, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Edward J. Coleman, III, attended the Chambers Staff Advisory Group meeting at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) in Washington, DC. The Chambers Staff Advisory Group provides guidance and recommendations to the AO regarding matters affecting administrative duties in chambers. Debbie participated in the meeting as the current President of the Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants.

The highlight of the trip was visiting the U.S. Supreme Court, where Justice Stephen G. Breyer spoke to the group. He answered the group's questions and explained how the Supreme Court decides to hear a case. Thereafter, the Group toured the Supreme Court.



Justice Breyer met with members of the Chambers Staff Advisory Group. *Photograph courtesy of Debbie Reese.*

## Depositing and Disbursing Funds in the Court Registry

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has begun enforcing regulations on interest-bearing moneys held by courts, including funds held as disputed ownership funds in interpleader cases. Interpleader funds deposited under 28 U.S.C. § 1335 meet the IRS definition of a “Disputed Ownership Fund” (DOF), a taxable entity that requires tax administration. Pursuant to [General Order 2016-1](#), unless otherwise ordered by the court, interpleader funds shall be deposited in the DOF established within the Court Registry Investment System and administered by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, which shall be responsible for meeting all DOF tax administration requirements.

Two new events have been added in CM/ECF to help attorneys choose the appropriate motion dealing with interpleader funds:

- **Adversary > Motions > Interpleader Deposit (28 U.S.C. Section 1335)**
- **Adversary > Motions > Interpleader Disbursement (28 U.S.C. Section 1335)**

Motions for deposits and disbursements of other funds with the court should continue to be filed using **Motion to Deposit Funds into Court Registry** and **Motion to Release Funds from Court Registry**.

## CM/ECF TIPS & TRICKS

### Search Feature

The **Search** feature located on the blue menu bar in CM/ECF is a helpful tool when looking for an event. By clicking on **Search** and entering a keyword, such as **Extend** for **Extend Time to Pay Filing Fees**, CM/ECF will list all the areas where the word can be found. This is an excellent way to verify events prior to filing your documents.

### Adding a New Party to a Case

The party pick list in CM/ECF displays all parties in the case. Since the party database is populated by all users, there is a good chance that a party will already be in the system. The screen titled **Select the Party** will show a box with the parties already associated with the case.

If the party is in the database, verify that the name and address are an exact match. If they are a match, click to select the name. If they are not a match, select the proper name from the list and modify the address by removing the old address and entering the address from your pdf document. Close the box, then select the role for the party and click **Submit**. The party pick list will display again. Click **Next** to continue docketing.

If the party is not located in the database, click **Create New Party** and complete the name and address fields. Select the role for the party, then click **Submit**. The party pick list will display again. Click **Next** to continue docketing.

## Maintain Your CM/ECF Account

We ask registered users of the CM/ECF system to please review their accounts and verify that all of the contact information is correct. This includes firm name, telephone and facsimile numbers, address, and both primary and secondary email addresses.

Log into CM/ECF and use the following instructions to make changes to your ECF account.

- ◆ Click **Utilities**.
- ◆ Click **Maintain Your ECF Account**.
- ◆ Make any needed changes to your firm, address and telephone/facsimile numbers.
- ◆ Click **Email Information**.
- ◆ Delete or update any email addresses that are no longer valid.
- ◆ Click **Return to Account Screen**.
- ◆ Click **Submit**.
- ◆ The following screen will display:



Person / Search Open and/or Closed Cases

Searching for existing Party Records

Open cases

Closed cases

Submit Clear

- ◆ Leave both boxes checked. Click Submit.
- ◆ Another screen will appear displaying all of your cases. Your options include:
  - Update All** - This is the default and applies to all cases listed, both open and closed. We recommend this option, as all cases should be updated.
  - Update Open** - This will only update open cases. We do NOT recommend this option.
  - Update Closed** - This will only update closed cases. We do NOT recommend this option.
- ◆ Click Submit to save the changes.

If you have any questions regarding maintenance of your CM/ECF accounts, please contact Lainie Saul ([lainie\\_saul@gas.uscourts.gov](mailto:lainie_saul@gas.uscourts.gov)) or Caryn King ([caryn\\_king@gas.uscourts.gov](mailto:caryn_king@gas.uscourts.gov)).

## Mock Trials

Judge Coleman continues to provide learning opportunities to area middle and high school students by periodically conducting mock trials in his courtroom. On April 28, 2017, students from the Classical Conversations home school cooperative participated in a mock trial of the civil case of *Sam Parker v. C.J. Calhoun* in the Court of Common Pleas, Eight Judicial Circuit, State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville. This case involved the legal question of fault in a traffic accident between a bicyclist and a vehicle. James Stuchel Assistant U.S. Attorney, did an excellent job preparing the students for the event with approximately 70 people in attendance.

On May 12, 2017, the Savannah High School Law Academy participated in a mock trial of the criminal case of *United States v. Captain Thomas Dudley*. This case was modeled after *The Regina v. Dudley and Stephens*, 14 Q.B.D. 273 (1884), a case of cannibalism on the high seas. The students gained valuable assistance from their instructor, Robert Kicklighter, as well as Eric Fritch, law student at Savannah Law School, and Shaquan Gaither of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

If you are interested in volunteering for future mock trials, please contact Debbie Reese ([debbie\\_reese@gas.uscourts.gov](mailto:debbie_reese@gas.uscourts.gov)), Judicial Assistant to Judge Coleman.



Mock Trial Day for Savannah High School Law Academy

## Constitution Day Art and Essay Contests

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Savannah are offering an art and essay contest for elementary school students in Chatham County. The contests are in celebration of Constitution Day, which is September 17, 2017.

The art contest is for grades K-3. Students are invited to create pieces of art showing how they and their families benefit from the freedoms set forth in the U.S. Constitution. Designs can feature any aspect of the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights and later amendments. See [Constitution Day Art Contest Instructions](#).

The essay contest is for grades 4-5. Students are invited to write essays regarding why they value a particular freedom set forth in the Bill of Rights or later amendments to the U.S. Constitution. See [Constitution Day Essay Contest Instructions](#).

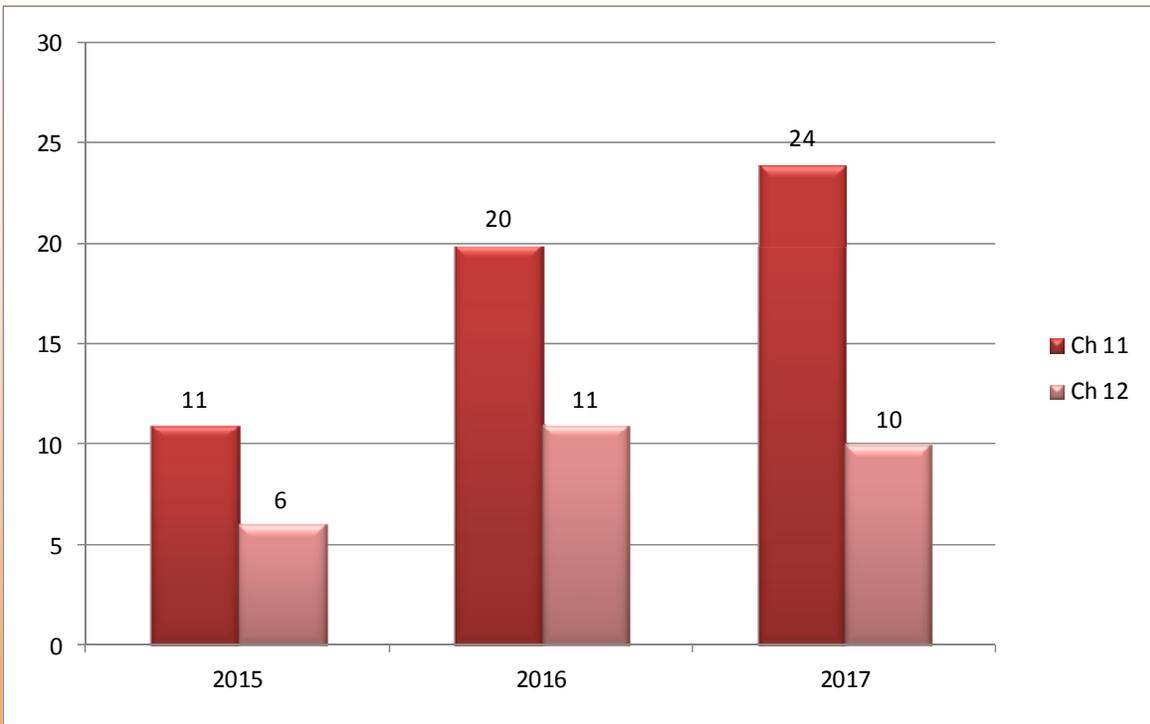
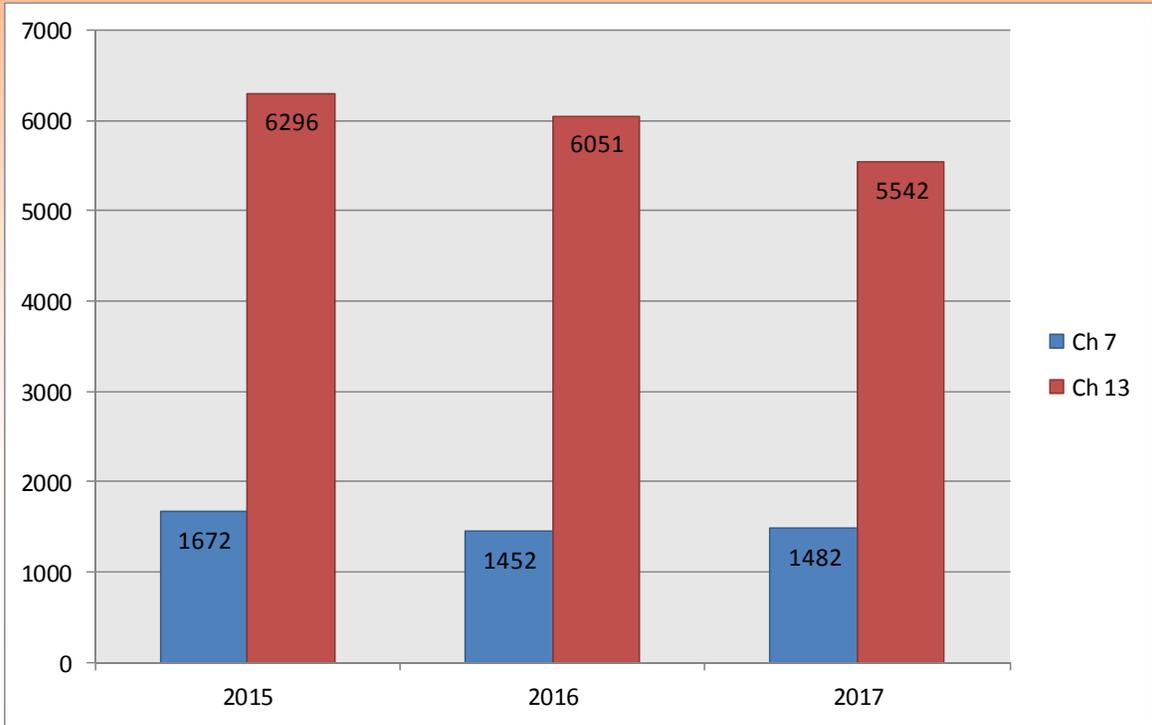
Art and essay entries must be postmarked by **Friday, September 22, 2017**, and mailed to:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Attention: Debbie Reese  
Second Floor, Room 213  
125 Bull Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

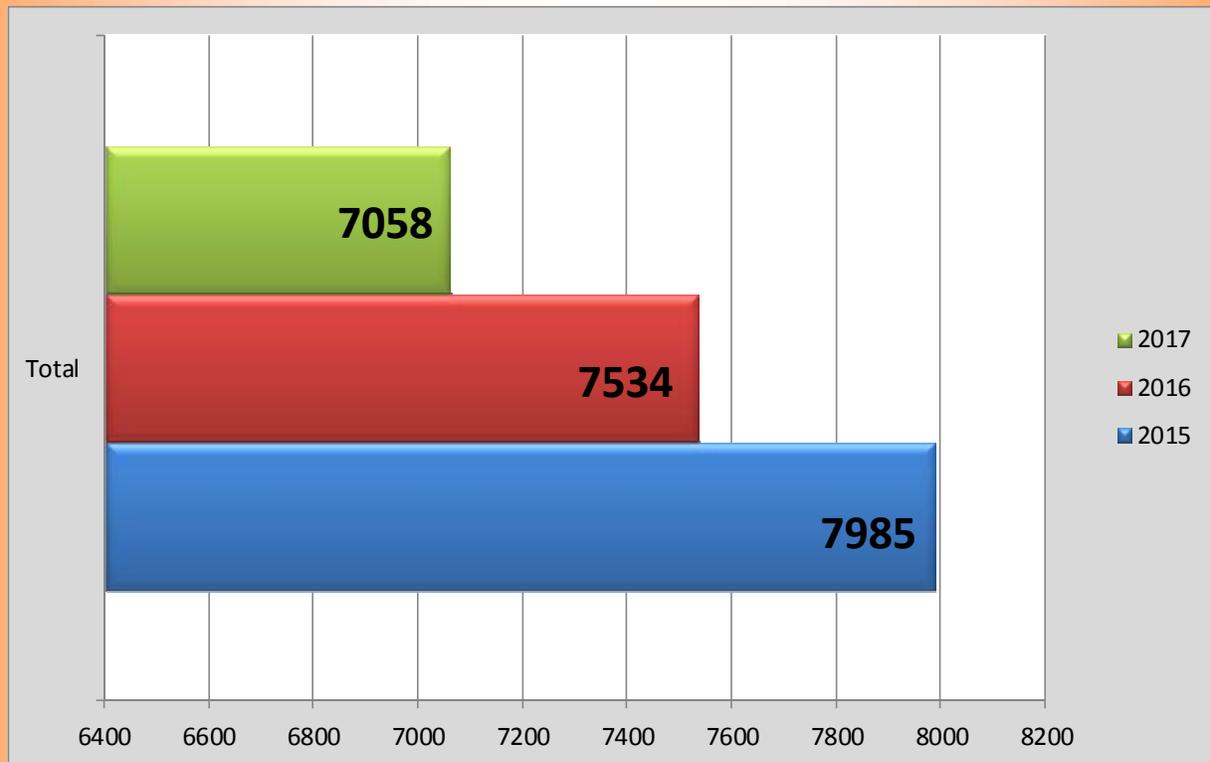
Alternatively, essays may be emailed to [debbie\\_reese@gas.uscourts.gov](mailto:debbie_reese@gas.uscourts.gov) by the above deadline. Students with the winning essays and pieces of art will be invited to an event to be held at the federal courthouse in Savannah, where they will receive pocket-sized guides to the U.S. Constitution. They will be presented certificates by a federal judge, and their essays and art will be displayed in the courthouse. The winning essays also will appear in *The Southern Scoop*.



## Case Filings by Chapter for 12-Month Period Ending June 30



## Total Case Filings for 12-Month Period Ending June 30



Statistical data is available to the public on the Judiciary's website at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/statistics-reports/caseload-statistics-data-tables>

### COURT WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING 2017 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day

CM/ECF and PACER will be available during these times for online filing and access to case information

Got article ideas for *The Southern Scoop*? Please provide them to:

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