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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Amendments to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Forms
Effective December 1, 2016**

On April 28, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court approved amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and submitted them to Congress. Additionally, there are minor revisions to three Official Bankruptcy Forms. The effective date of these rule and form changes is December 1, 2016. Below is a summary of the changes.

- Rule 9006(f) was amended to eliminate the three-day extension to time periods when service is made electronically.
- Rule 3002.1 sets forth notice requirements when there is a claim secured by a Chapter 13 debtor's principal residence. The amendments seek to clarify the following: (1) the rule applies whether the debtor is making ongoing mortgage payments, directly or through the trustee; (2) the rule applies even if there is no prepetition arrearage to be cured (hence the deletion of § 1322(b)(5) from the rule); and (3) unless the court orders otherwise, the notice requirements imposed by the rule cease to apply when an order granting relief from the stay on the principal residence becomes effective.
- Rules 7008, 7012(b), 7016(a) and (b), 9027 and 9033 were amended to remove distinction between "core" and "non-core" matters. Parties are required to state whether they consent to entry of final orders or judgment by the bankruptcy judge in all adversary proceedings, not just "non-core" matters. These amendments provide that the court shall decide, on its own motion or a party's motion, whether to: (1) hear and determine the proceeding; (2) hear the proceeding and issue proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law; or (3) take some other action.
- The amendments to Rules 1010, 1011, and 2002 and new Rule 1012 are intended to improve

procedures for international bankruptcy cases. Rule 1010(a) and Rule 1011(a) and (f) were amended to remove Chapter 15-related provisions. New Rule 1012 was added to govern responses to petitions for recognition in cross-border cases. Rule 2002(q) was amended to clarify the procedures for giving notice in cross-border cases.

- Form 420A, (formerly 20A), and Form 420B, (formerly 20B), were renumbered and amended to change the phrase “mail” to “send.” Note: Until further notice, parties shall continue to use the local negative notice procedures, as required by [General Order 2005-1](#).
- Form 410S2 was amended to clarify how to report previously approved fees, expenses or charges.

To view the amended rules, go to:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/frbk16_4h25.pdf

To view the amended forms, go to:

<http://www.gasb.uscourts.gov/pdf/formChangesDec2016.pdf>