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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Amendments to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
and Bankruptcy Forms
(Effective December 1, 2011)**

On April 26, 2011, the Supreme Court approved the following bankruptcy rules, amendments, and forms, which were approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2010 session. These changes will take effect on December 1, 2011, unless Congress enacts legislation to the contrary.

Rules

Bankruptcy Rule 1004.2. Republication of a new rule requiring an entity filing a chapter 15 petition to identify the countries where a foreign proceeding is pending against the same debtor and the country where the debtor has its “center of main interests.” The rule sets out applicable notice provisions and generally requires that a challenge to the debtor’s designation of the center of main interests be raised at least seven days before the hearing on the petition for recognition.

Bankruptcy Rule 2003. Requires a presiding official who “adjourns” a meeting of creditors to file a statement specifying the date and time to which the meeting is adjourned. Requirement ensures that the record clearly reflects whether the meeting of creditors was concluded or extended to another day.

Bankruptcy Rule 2019. Expands the scope of the rule’s disclosure requirements in chapter 9 and chapter 11 cases by requiring every group, committee or entity that consists of or represents more than one creditor or equity security holder to file a verified statement identifying its “disclosable economic interests” relating to the debtor. It also authorizes the court to require disclosure by an individual party in interest when knowledge of that party’s economic stake in the debtor would assist the court in evaluating the party’s arguments.

Bankruptcy Rule 3001. Prescribes in greater detail the supporting information required to accompany certain proofs of claim, and adds new subdivision (c)(2).

Bankruptcy Rule 3002.1. New rule implements § 1322(b)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, which permits a chapter 13 debtor to cure a default and maintain payments of a home mortgage over the course of the debtor's plan.

Bankruptcy Rule 4004. Permits a party under limited circumstances to seek an extension of time to object to a debtor's discharge after the time for objecting has expired.

Bankruptcy Rule 6003. Clarifies that the requirement of a 21-day waiting period before a court can enter certain orders at the beginning of a case, including an order approving employment of counsel, does not prevent the court from specifying an effective date for the order that is earlier than the date of its issuance.

Forms

Bankruptcy Form 1 (Voluntary Petition). Implements new Bankruptcy Rule 1004.2.

Bankruptcy Forms 9A- 9I (Notice of Commencement of Case under the Bankruptcy Code, Meeting of Creditors, and Deadlines). Conforming amendments to the pending amendment of Bankruptcy Rule 2003(e).

Bankruptcy Form 10, Attachment A and Supplements 1 and 2 (Proof of Claim). Clarifies that, consistent with Rule 3001(c), writings supporting a claim or evidencing perfection of a security interest - not just summaries - must be attached to the proof of claim.

Bankruptcy Form 25A (Plan of Reorganization in Small Business Case under Chapter 11). Changes the effective date consistent with the 2009 time-computation rule amendments.

For more information, please visit the Court's website at www.gasb.uscourts.gov, or contact the Clerk's Office.

For the Court

Dated: November 22, 2011