

Surveys on Behalf of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

The Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana has asked the Federal Judicial Center (FJC) to send out two surveys prepared by it to attorneys who have practiced in the district to assess the performance of Judge Brown and his staff, and the Clerk's Office. The surveys are a part of the court's ongoing commitment to provide the highest level of public service possible. Survey results will be used only in improving performance. The FJC is the research and education organization for the federal courts and is located in Washington, D.C. (www.fjc.gov).

During the week of August 10, 2009, the FJC will send emails to attorneys explaining how to access the online questionnaires. If the court has only one email address for multiple attorneys in your firm, please be sure the initial emails are forwarded to all bankruptcy attorneys in your firm.

For each survey, research staff at the FJC will compile and analyze your responses along with the other responses received. No other person will see the actual completed surveys. The Bankruptcy Judge and the Clerk of Court will receive only a summary of the responses and a compilation of the comments that are received. FJC staff will not provide the Judge or the Clerk of Court with the identity of people who responded, should that information become known to the FJC staff.

If you do not receive the emails from the FJC on or before August 12, 2009, and want to participate, please contact Ms. Beth Wiggins of the FJC by phone at 410-308-3751 or 202-502-4076 or by email at bwiggins@fjc.gov. If you have questions about the survey or encounter any technical difficulties, please also contact Ms. Wiggins. If you would prefer to complete a paper version of the questionnaire, she can provide you with a copy and instructions for returning it to the FJC.

August 4, 2009

Marla Hamilton
Clerk of Court