



Clerk's Notes



November 2012

I. Fee Changes Effective November 21, 2012

The Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012 was signed into law by the President on May 25, 2012, and includes a provision that increases the Chapter 11 filing fee. The statutory fee will increase to \$1,167. Therefore, for Chapter 11 cases filed on or after November 21, the total filing fee will increase to \$1,213 (statutory fee of \$1,167 plus the administrative fee of \$46).

Because other fees are derived from the Chapter 11 statutory fee, there will be a corresponding increase in a number of other fees, including motions to reopen and split a Chapter 11 case, the filing fee for a Chapter 15 case, and conversion fees. For a complete list of the new fees that take effect on November 21, see the Fee Schedule on the court's website at

<http://www.laeb.uscourts.gov/Fees/FeeSched.htm>

The November 21 fee changes will result in a change to Forms 200 (Required Lists, Schedules, Statements and Fees) and 201A (Notice to Individual Consumer Debtor).

The Judicial Conference also approved a new \$25 fee for filing a transfer of claim. This fee becomes effective May 1, 2013.

II. Amendments to Bankruptcy Rules and Forms – effective December 1, 2012

A. Amendments to Rules

Proposed amendments to Bankruptcy Rules 1007, 2015, 3001, 7054, and 7056 have been approved by the Supreme Court and, unless Congress acts to the contrary, will become effective on December 1. Additional information about the

amendments can be found on the judiciary's website at <http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules/pending-rules.aspx>

B. Forms Amendments

The Judicial Conference also approved amendments to Official Forms 7 (Statement of Financial Affairs), 9A-9I (Notice of Commencement of Case), 10 (Proof of Claim), and 21 (Statement of Social Security Number). These changes will become effective on December 1. The December 1, 2012 forms are also posted on the judiciary's website at <http://www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms/BankruptcyFormsPendingChanges.aspx>.

III. General Order 2012-1 and Chapter 13 Model Plan – effective December 1

On November 7, 2012, the bankruptcy judges signed General Order No. 2012-1, adopting a Chapter 13 model Plan effective December 1, 2012. You can review the general order and model plan on the main page of the court's website at www.laeb.uscourts.gov.

IV. Holiday Schedule

The Court will be closed on the following days: Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 23; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

V. Finally

Please visit the Court's website on a regular basis for recently posted information and our staff directories. The Clerk's office is always available to assist you. If you have particular concerns or suggestions that you would like to talk about, please contact Brian Richoux, acting clerk, at 504-589-7822.