# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

## NOTICE REGARDING CHANGES TO BANKRUPTCY RULES, OFFICIAL FORMS AND FEES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2013

Proposed amendments to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007(b)(7), Rule 4004(c)(1)(H), Rule 9006(d), 9013 and 9014 will become effective December 1, 2013. The complete text of these rules is available on the U.S. Courts Website: <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules/pending-rules.aspx">http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules/pending-rules.aspx</a>.

### **Bankruptcy Rules Affected:**

Rule 1007(b)(7)	is revised to relieve individual debtors of the obligation to file Official Form 23, <b>Debtor's</b> Certification of Completion of Instructional  Course Concerning Personal Financial  Management, if the provider of an instructional course concerning personal financial management directly notifies the court that the debtor has completed the course.
Rule 4004(c)(1)(H)	is amended to provide that the court must delay entering a discharge for a debtor who has not filed <b>Official Form 23</b> , only if the debtor was in fact required to do so under Rule 1007(b)(7).
Rule 5009(b)	is revised to reflect the amendment of Rule 1007(b)(7). The amendment will only require the clerk to send the notice only if the course provider has not already notified the court of the debtor's completion of the course and the debtor has failed to file the statement in 45 days.
Rule 9006(d)	is amended to expand the coverage of subdivision (d) to address the timing of the service of any written response to a motion.
Rule 9013	is amended to provide a cross-reference to the time periods in Rule 9006(d).
Rule 9014	is amended to provide a cross-reference to the times under Rule 9006(d) for serving motions and responses.

Official Forms B3A, B3B, B6I.B6J, B6,B23 and B27 Director's Forms B200, B254, B255, B256 and B257 will be changed effective December 1, 2013. Copies of the new forms are available on the U.S. Courts Web site:

http://www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms/BankruptcyFormsPendingChanges.aspx

#### Official Bankruptcy Forms Affected:

- B3A Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments
- B3B Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived
- B6I Schedule I
- B6J Schedule J
- B6 Summary of Schedules and Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data
- B23 Debtor's Certification of Completion of Instructional Course Concerning Financial Management
- B27 Reaffirmation Agreement Cover Sheet

Failure to file the required official forms will result in an order directing the filing of official forms. If the amended document is not filed timely, the document may be stricken or the case dismissed without hearing.

#### **Director's Forms Affected:**

- B200 Required Lists, Statements, Schedules, and Fees
- B254 Subpoena for Rule 2004 Examination
- B255 Subpoena to Appear and Testify at a Hearing or Trial in a Bankruptcy Case or Adversary Proceeding
- B256 Subpoena to Testify at a Deposition in a Bankruptcy Case or Adversary Proceeding
- B257 Subpoena to Produce Documents, Information, or Objects or to Permit Inspection in a Bankruptcy Case or Adversary Proceeding

#### CHANGES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE

At its September 2013 session, the Judicial Conference approved changes to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. **The new filing fees will become effective December 1, 2013**. They include:

- Filing a motion to sell property of the estate free and clear of liens under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) \$176 (new)
- Retrieval of records from the Federal Records Center first box \$64, additional boxes \$39 each (new)
- Payment returned or denied for insufficient funds \$53 (now includes payments other than checks

Date: November 12, 2013 Katherine B. Gullo Clerk of Court