

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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MORTGAGE MODIFICATION MEDIATION PROGRAM

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada has adopted uniform procedures for its mortgage Modification Mediation (MMM) Program, pursuant to Administrative Order 2014-08. This program applies to Las Vegas Chapter 13 bankruptcy filings and all types of real property, commercial and residential. The Bankruptcy Court will not force any modification and will make no adjudication except with the consent of both parties.

The mortgage modification mediation documents **must** be docketed using the correct events, and in the correct order as outlined in the Mortgage Modification Mediation Program Procedures. The first document filed should be the Motion for Referral to Mortgage Modification Mediation, NOT a Settlement Agreement. Once an order is granted for the Motion for Referral to MMM, the parties can proceed with the program. The forms for the Program are posted on the court's website and should not be altered. The forms and procedures can be found at: <http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/mortgage-modification-mediation/>.

Unless otherwise permitted by the court, all written communication between the parties regarding the mediation must be sent exclusively through the MMM Portal. The MMM Portal can be accessed at www.dclmwp.com. Confidential information should not be filed using the court's CM/ECF system, and any documents that are filed in error cannot be deleted from the system. Redactions of incorrectly filed documents can be processed in accordance with Local Rule 9037.



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK OF 9th CIRCUIT BAP

In cases opened February 1, 2015, and beyond, all excerpts of record must be filed electronically. In cases opened prior to February 1, 2015, electronic filing of the excerpts is optional. Please see Rule 3 of the Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing in BAP Cases, available on the BAP website at www.ca9.uscourts.gov/bap/ > **Electronic Case Files (ECF)** > **Administrative Order**.

THIS APPLIES TO BAP CASES ONLY.

BOUNCED BACK EMAILS

The clerk's office will no longer monitor bounced back emails. Attorneys are responsible for keeping their email addresses up to date.

To make changes to your e-mail in CM/ECF, select **Utilities > Your Account > Maintain Your ECF Account > Email Information**. The submit button must be pressed until you receive a transaction complete screen.

AMENDING MOTIONS WITH FEES

To docket an amended money matter WITHOUT incurring an additional filing fee, please note there are special instructions to follow. For example, in the case of a Motion for Relief from Stay, choose the docketing event: **Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Relief from Stay (Amended, Renewed)**.

For **ALL OTHER AMENDED MONEY MATTERS**, choose the docketing event: **Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Miscellaneous Application**. (If using this event, please enhance the 'Modify Docket Text Screen' by typing in the exact title of your pleading.)

If required, re-docket an Amended Notice of Hearing and/or an Amended Certificate of Service and relate these documents to the AMENDED motion.

When docketing an amended money matter, please note that by selecting the original docketing event, such as a Motion to Reopen, Motion for Relief from Stay or any other matter that requires a fee, a second filing fee will be incurred. E-filers are required to pay the second fee to avoid being locked out of CM/ECF. If this occurs, a Motion to Refund a Duplicate Filing Fee along with an Order may be submitted. It will be up to the Judge to grant or deny a refund.

CHAT

The Nevada Bankruptcy Court has implemented a CHAT service for the public.

The CHAT Help Desk answers questions online Monday—Friday during regular court hours. In addition, phone calls to the Help Desk at 866-232-1266 will still be answered.

Access to CHAT can be found at the court website's home page:

www.nvb.uscourts.gov

BANKRUPTCY COURTHOUSE HOURS

7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

C. Clifton Young Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse and
Foley Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse.

Bankruptcy Court Intake Hours are:

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Excluding Weekends and Federal Holidays.

LR 9021 ORDER CERTIFICATIONS

When preparing the certification language required by LR 9021(c), please review all the choices carefully and pick the one that is most applicable. Many 9021 certifications indicate that the court waived the required certification when this is not correct. For example, if a motion was granted as unopposed because no party appeared at the hearing or filed an objection to the motion, there is an option for that in the certification language.

Unless the court orders otherwise, parties have 3 business days from receiving proposed orders to communicate their approval or disapproval to the transmitting counsel.

For more information, please [see LR 9021](#).

U.S. DISTRICT COURT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The U.S. District Court Conference provides an excellent opportunity for members of the bar to interact with members of the federal judiciary. This year's program includes the following: Supreme Court Review, Drones - Legal and Technical Issues, Ethics of Social Media, and Addiction and the Brain. The program will conclude with open forum discussions with the federal judges for civil, criminal, and bankruptcy practitioners.

WHEN: May 7, 2015

WHERE: The Orleans – Las Vegas

TIME: Registration and Continental Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Conference begins at **8:30 a.m.** and concludes at **4:30 p.m.**

REGISTRATION FEE: \$125.00 (\$75.00 for government attorneys)

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <http://www.usdistrictcourtconferencenv.com/register/>

Six (6) Hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit including one (1) hour of ethics credit and one (1) hour of substance abuse credit will be issued.



BANKRUPTCY COURT CONTACT NUMBERS

LAS VEGAS CLERK'S OFFICE: (702) 527-7000

RENO CLERK'S OFFICE: (775) 326-2100

Frequently called numbers, e-mail addresses, and live on-line chat is available on the court's website under Court Information: <http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/about-the-court/contact-information/>.