

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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BANKRUPTCY CHANGES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015

Revisions to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Official Bankruptcy Forms will take effect on December 1, 2015, unless Congress enacts legislation otherwise.

Most of the Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted and renumbered versions if approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2015 meeting.

The new forms are part of the Advisory Committee's ongoing forms modernization project that began in 2008. The new forms introduce different versions of case opening forms for individual debtors and non-individual debtors. The forms are also easier for debtors to understand and complete, and are designed to work with scheduled enhancements to the federal courts' case opening and electronic case management system. All but six of the existing official forms and virtually all the director's bankruptcy forms will be replaced.

Copies of the pending official bankruptcy forms and committee notes are available for your review from the U.S. Courts website at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms>.

For more information, please visit the court's website: <http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/news-rss/announcements/2015/1007-bankruptcy-forms/>.

NOTICE TO ATTORNEYS USING CINGROUP'S EZ-FILING SOFTWARE

Our office has been made aware that CINGroup's EZ-Filing software, used by many attorneys to prepare bankruptcy forms, will no longer be updated or supported after November 30, 2015 (<http://go.cingroup.com/ezfilingtransition>). Representatives at CINGroup have advised the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts that their users have been notified by email, phone, and through messaging in the software itself. Please make the necessary arrangements to ensure you are on a supported software program (with updated forms) before filing any cases with the court on or after December 1, 2015. Attorneys should contact their software vendors for more information.

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**

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

Foley Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Hours are:

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

Bankruptcy Court Intake Hours are:

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

COMBATTING ETHICAL ISSUES-A CONVERSATION AMONG LEGAL MINDS
(Live)

When: October 28, 2015 (Las Vegas)-State Bar of Nevada, 3100 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste 100, Las Vegas, NV 89102

November 3, 2015 (Reno)- Reno Little Theater, 147 E. Pueblo St., Reno, NV 89502

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

What: This seminar will include a panel of esteemed members of the judiciary and will address top ethical concerns within the Nevada legal community. This CLE seminar will provide attorneys with 2 hours of ethics credit and the registration fee counts towards Rule 6.1 pro bono contributions. Proceeds to benefit legal aid providers. Networking reception immediately following the CLE.

Cost: \$150.00

Register online at <http://www.nvbar.org/cle/liveseminars>.

NEW!

CHAPTER 13 CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

Effective December 1, 2015, pursuant to Administrative Order 2015-06, the court will delegate to the chapter 13 debtor the responsibility of noticing chapter 13 confirmation hearings. The notice of confirmation hearing must include the deadline for objections to be filed, and a local form will be available on the court's website. The confirmation hearing dates will be posted on the court's website with the other self-calendaring dates for cases that are filed on and after December 1, 2015. Administrative Order 2015-06 is available on the court's website: <http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/news-rss/announcements/2015/1021-admin-order/>.



**NEW
E-FILERS**

**VOLUNTARY
PETITION**

Official Form B1, known as a “Voluntary Petition” must be filed by a debtor to begin a bankruptcy case.



**STEPS TO MANUALLY
OPEN A VOLUNTARY
PETITION**

(Note: Steps 2-6 should be done immediately after opening.)

- 1 Upload **VOLUNTARY PETITION**
- 2 Upload **MATRIX**
- 3 Docket **JUDGE/TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENT** 
- 4 Docket **STATEMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
- 5 Docket **DECLARATION OF ELECTRONIC FILING**
- 6 Docket **MEANS TEST (Individuals Only)**
- 7 Docket **CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT COUNSELING (Individuals Only)**
- 8 Docket **CHAPTER 13 Plan (if Applicable)**

ALL Chapter 13 and 11 cases are opened as **ASSET** cases.

PLEASE NOTE

**JUDGE/TRUSTEE
ASSIGNMENT**

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP in opening a new petition.

It is a crucial part of case opening, and will ensure that you receive your 341 notice immediately.



BANKRUPTCY COURT CONTACT NUMBERS

- LAS VEGAS CLERK’S OFFICE: (702) 527-7000
- RENO CLERK’S OFFICE: (775) 326-2100
- CM/ECF HELP DESK: (866) 232-1266

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/>