

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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INFORMATION ON BIFURCATING A JOINT CASE

When a joint case needs to be bifurcated (split), docket a Motion to Bifurcate with the [required fee](#).

In instances where an order allows a joint debtor to bifurcate or split from a case so one debtor can convert their case, after the new case is opened by clerk's office staff, it will reflect the conversion.

If an order grants the dismissal of one joint debtor and the other will continue in bankruptcy, then no motion for bifurcation is needed. Clerk's office staff will dismiss the party. For non-legal questions, please contact the help desk at 1-866-232-1266.

NOTICING CHAPTER 13 CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

[LR 3015](#) delegates the noticing of the chapter 13 plan confirmation hearing and the deadline to file objections to the plan to the debtor(s). The initial chapter 13 confirmation hearing dates are posted on the court's self calendaring section. The debtors are responsible for noticing of the initial chapter 13 confirmation hearing and the chapter 13 plan (which is due within 14 days of the filing of the petition) to all creditors. Failure to timely notice the chapter 13 confirmation hearing and plan may result in dismissal of the case.



BANKRUPTCY COURT- HOUSE 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.

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

PENDING CHANGES IN BANKRUPTCY RULES AND FORMS

Several [Bankruptcy Rule and Form](#) changes will take effect on December 1, 2016. These rules include changes to international procedures, time extension periods, and addresses ambiguities in the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction and authority created by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Stern vs. Marshall*. Bankruptcy Rules 1010, 1011, 2002, 3002.1, 7008, 7012, 7016, 9006, 9027, and 9033 are proposed to be amended, and Rule 1012 is new.

The proposed amended forms are below:

- Form 420A
- Form 420B
- Form 420A/B Committee Note
- Form 410S2
- Form 410S2 Committee Note



Forms 420A and 420B (Notice of Motion or Objection and Notice of Objection to Claim) will be amended to conform to the numbering scheme of the Forms Modernization Project along with minor wording amendments. The instructions for Form 410S2 (Notice of Postpetition Mortgage Fees, Expenses, and Charges) will be amended to eliminate a possible inconsistency with Rule 3002.1.

OFFICE CLOSURE



The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada offices will be **closed** on **Friday, November 11th** in observance of **Veteran's Day**. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 14th.



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.

STEPS TO MANUALLY OPEN A VOLUNTARY PETITION

Official Form B101/201, known as a “Voluntary Petition” must be filed by a debtor to begin a bankruptcy case.

Note: Steps 2-7 should be done immediately after opening.

In CM/ECF, click on Bankruptcy. Then click on the following Bankruptcy Events, answering the prompts that appear.

1. Open Voluntary BK Case (All Chapter 13 and 11 cases are opened as ASSET cases).
2. Creditor Maintenance ———> Upload list of creditors file.
3. 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.
4. Miscellaneous ———> Statement of Social Security Number(s).
5. Miscellaneous ———> Declaration re: Electronic Filing.
6. Miscellaneous ———> *select applicable Income Means Test events.*
7. For Individuals Only: Miscellaneous ———> Certificate of Credit Counseling.

The following applies to Chapter 13 cases only. Search for a Chapter 13 Plan Confirmation hearing (initial hearing only) date from the self-calendaring section on the court’s website, <http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/calendars/self-calendaring-dates/>.

8. Plan ———> Chapter 13 Plan #1.
9. Notices ———> Confirmation Hearing.



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/>