

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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PROPOSED NEVADA CHAPTER 13 PLAN – REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Under proposed amendments to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3015(c), effective December 1, 2017, Chapter 13 debtors will be required to use a new Official Form Chapter 13 Plan ("National Plan") unless a Local Form Chapter 13 Plan ("Local Plan") is adopted by the district in accordance with new Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3015.1.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada, [Local Rule 3015](#) allows chapter 13 trustees to issue their own plans.

The Court will accept Public Comments for 30 days on the Proposed Nevada Chapter 13 Plan. After the finalization of the form by the bankruptcy judges, the form will be formatted to be fillable with pull down menus and posted to the Court's website.

The Nevada Chapter 13 Plan will be required for all cases filed December 1, 2017 and later.

[Proposed Chapter 13 Plan Request for Public Comment page.](#)



JOINT AND CONSOLIDATED CASES

When a party obtains an order for joint administration or consolidation, that party must, within 14 days, file with the court a combined matrix that constitutes a total mailing list of all interested parties in the jointly administered cases. See [Local Rule 1015](#).

For adversary proceedings, the Judges will designate in their orders who will add parties in CM/ECF. The Order will not be processed if this information is not included.

MORTGAGE MODIFICATION MEDIATION UPDATE

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court revised the Mortgage Modification Mediation (MMM) Procedures, effective January 1, 2017. There are significant procedural changes to the procedures, and changes to the forms. **Attorneys must use the latest versions of the forms, and the forms may not be altered.** The forms have been expanded so there is more room in the headers.

Please make sure you have reviewed the changes before starting the MMM process. The MMM page can be found here: <http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/mortgage-modification-mediation/>.

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/>

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.

Excluding Weekends and Federal Holidays.

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.



OFFICE CLOSURE– INDEPENDENCE DAY

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada offices will be **closed** on **Tuesday, July 4, 2017** in observance of **Independence Day**.

Regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5th.

