

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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NEW

MORTGAGE MODIFICATION WORKSHOP

Administrative Order 2014-08, effective January 1, 2015, authorizes the use of a bankruptcy mediation program that will be available for Las Vegas chapter 13 cases. In the near future, the court's website will be updated to include information regarding the procedures, forms and mediators.

The Las Vegas chapter 13 trustees have coordinated to have a National Mortgage Modification Workshop in Las Vegas on December 12, 2014. (CLE units: 8.0 hours includes Ethics: 1.0 hour.) Debtor and creditor attorneys, mediators, staff and chapter 13 trustees would benefit from this workshop. For additional information see:

Mortgage Modification Education: <http://mortgagemodificationeducation.com/2.0/>.

Workshop Registration: <https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=GtAETO8plweUwwH6Mquohg#>.

FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY RULES AND FORM CHANGES

Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure were made which will take effect on December 1, 2014 . These amendments to the bankruptcy rules include the following: 1) petitions involving the same debtors filed in different courts; 2) time limits for serving a summons and complaint; 3) general pleadings and judgments and costs; 4) bankruptcy appeals; and 5) new trials and relief from a judgment or order.

The amended rules are located at <http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/RulesAndPolicies/rules/congressional-package-for-congress.pdf>.

The following form changes are also effective December 1, 2014:

- Official Forms 3A and 3B are revised to remove references to fee amounts.
- Official Form B6 Summary of Schedules is revised to update line number cross references to the revised means test forms .
- Official Forms 17A ,17B and 17C are new forms set to go into effect with the revised bankruptcy appellate rules.
- Official Forms 22A-1, 22A-1 Supp, 22A-2 , 22B , 22C-1 and 22C-2 are revised means test forms. These forms are revised to accommodate changes in the law as a result of Supreme Court precedent and as part of the Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee's ongoing Forms Modernization Project.

These forms may be viewed at <http://www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms/BankruptcyFormsPendingChanges.aspx>.

COURTESY COPIES

Courtesy copies of all papers filed with the court for matters set for hearing must be delivered to the clerk's office no later than 2 business days after filing, except for matters set on shortened time, which must be delivered to the court at least 1 business day after filing. For more information on courtesy copies, please review Local Rule 9014(e)(2).

Courtesy copies must be delivered to the correct location. Copies meant for Reno that are received in the Las Vegas office will be disposed of, not forwarded.

FEE CHANGES

The following fee changes will go into effect on December 1, 2014:

New fee for Filing a Motion to make redactions to previously filed records in a case..... \$25.00
(The Judicial Conference clarified that if the case is closed, no reopening fee is required if the only purpose for reopening is redaction per Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037.)

Upon notice from the court of appeals that a direct appeal or direct cross-appeal has been authorized.....\$207.00

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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Bankruptcy Court in Las Vegas and Reno will be closed on:

November 27, 2014 and November 28, 2014 in observance of Thanksgiving.



REMINDER

COURTROOM TIPS

- Please address the Court from the podium unless you ask permission to speak from the counsel table. Since all hearings are recorded, please speak only when in front of a microphone for accuracy of the record.
- When you make your appearance to the court, speak clearly when stating your name on the record. You may be asked to spell your name if the electronic court recorder operator had difficulty hearing your name and if you have a name that may be difficult to spell. Transcript companies require the correct spelling when preparing a requested transcript.
- Local counsel must provide the courtroom deputy with the names of out of state attorneys. Business cards are extremely helpful. If business cards are not available, we ask that you make sure you provide the proper spelling of names or state the names and spellings for the record.
- If parties are going to be introduced to the court on the record as being present in the courtroom, please submit names and spelling prior to court hearing.
- Speaking too close to the microphone may cause shrill noises or feedback over the PA system in the courtroom. This affects the quality of the recording. Should you hear this, please speak a little softer or move back slightly from the microphone as a corrective measure.
- It is recommended that the microphones on the counsel table not be moved. They are placed for optimal audio recording.
- Reminder: The microphones are sensitive and conversations in the courtroom can be picked up, especially at the counsel tables.
- Silence is required in the courtroom when Continued and Resolved matters are being placed on the record. Please step into the corridor or move to an attorney conference room if you need to have a discussion.
- All cell phones/smart phones and personal electronic devices are to be silenced at all times while in the courtroom.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation on these items.

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.

