BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

SAVE THE DATE-

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CONFERENCE

When: THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

Where: ATLANTIS HOTEL, RENO, NEVADA

The 2016 U.S. District Court Conference in Reno, Nevada, will provide six hours of CLE credits along with a one hour ethics program (CLE request pending). Educational topics include a Supreme Court Review; a presentation on ethical "do's and don'ts;" and a panel discussion on the future of the practice of law. The traditional open forum discussions with the Bench for civil, criminal, and bankruptcy practitioners will include a review/ discussion of the new Local Rules of Practice - all for \$150! (\$75 for government attorneys).

Registration information will be sent to all members of the State Bar of Nevada in early February, 2016. If you have questions about the conference, please contact District Court Executive Lance S. Wilson at 702-464-5456.

REVISED LOCAL RULES WENT INTO EFFECT

JANUARY 1, 2016

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada has revised its Local Bankruptcy Rules. The rules went into effect on **January 1, 2016**.

The revised rules are posted on the court's website under the Rules & Forms/Local Rules section. Portable Document Format (PDF) files of both a redline version of the rules indicating the recent rules revisions, as well as a finalized PDF copy of the rules, are also available on the Local Bank-ruptcy Rules webpage for download. The rules can be found at <u>http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/rules-forms/rules/local-rules/</u>.

ORDERS SHORTENING TIME

Local Rule 9006. Unless the court permits otherwise, every motion for an order shortening time (OST) must be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration explaining why an expedited hearing is required, a copy of the motion for which an expedited hearing is requested, and an "Attorney Information Sheet for Proposed Order Shortening Time" (Local Form NV 9006) located at http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/rules-forms/forms/local-forms/, or a similar statement that indicates the following:

- Whether opposing counsel and other interested parties were consulted regarding the proposed order shortening time;
- Whether opposing counsel or other parties consent to a hearing on shortened time;
- The date counsel or other persons were consulted;
- How the consultation was accomplished or, if counsel or other parties were not consulted, how the moving party attempted to consult with that person or persons; and
- The estimated time for the hearing and the date beyond which relief would no longer be necessary.

The format of the proposed OST must include language so that the following can be easily inserted by the judge:

- The date/time for hearing on the motion;
- The date for filing any objections to the motion;
- The date for filing any response to any objection; and
- The date by which service of the OST will be completed.

<u>CHAT</u>

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.

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VOLUNTARY PETITION

Official Form B101/201, 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

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- 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.



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: RENO CLERK'S OFFICE: (702) 527-7000 (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/