

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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THE HONORABLE HERBERT A. ROSS HAS PASSED AWAY

Herbert A. Ross

January 31, 1935 – February 16, 2017

The Honorable Herbert A. Ross ("Herb"), 82, passed away on February 16, 2017, in Anchorage, Alaska, with his devoted, loving wife, Donna Ross, at his side. The cause of death was amyloidosis, a rare and fatal heart disease.

Judge Ross was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He received his B.A. from Western Reserve University in 1958, where he majored in psychology, and his J.D. from the University of San Francisco in 1964. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1964, and the Alaska bar in 1966. In 1967, he became a partner in the law firm of Ross & Tunley with offices in Anchorage and Seward, Alaska. He opened his own office in Anchorage in 1974, where he specialized in commercial and bankruptcy law. In 1986, he was appointed as a bankruptcy judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Alaska. He proudly held this position for more than 30 years, once writing that he considered it "serendipity to have been appointed to the best job he could have ever hoped to have." He presided over some of Alaska's most significant and infamous bankruptcy cases, including the Peter Zamarello, MarkAir, Inc., and RaeJean Bonham cases. After his retirement in 2000, Judge Ross was recalled to serve in Alaska, and later in the District of Nevada as well.

Judge Ross was a remarkably effective mediator. He received a degree from the Straus Institute for Conflict Resolution at Pepperdine School of Law, and served as a mediator for various courts throughout the Ninth Circuit during his judicial career, including the last nine years as a settlement judge in Las Vegas, Nevada. He continued to work up to his illness, successfully mediating one of the largest and most complicated cases to come before him while on his last trip to Las Vegas.

Many know Judge Ross as a voracious reader, always eager to discuss new ideas involving law and society. In his early years in Alaska, he had also been a pilot and marathon runner. Judge Ross was a very kind, warm, gentle, witty human being who will be deeply missed by his wife Donna, his family, and his friends, including his court families in both Anchorage and Las Vegas.

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](#).



VERIFIED PETITIONS AND PAYMENTS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2017

A Verified Petition is required by any attorney who wishes to make an appearance in a case but is not a member of the bar of this court. See [LR IA 11-2](#) Admission to Practice in a Particular Case.

Effective April 1, 2017, Verified Petitions, along with Designation of Local Counsel, may be e-filed and now allow for payment of the Verified Petition filing fee online just like other filing fees. You are no longer required to submit the check to the Clerk's office. The filing fee for each Verified Petition is \$250.00.

The proper process to docket a Verified Petition in CM/ECF is as follows: Whenever possible the Verified Petition should be electronically filed by the petitioning attorney, NOT the local counsel. This will ensure that the docket text is correct.

The Designation of Local Counsel may be e-filed by either party.

The Verified Petition and Designation of Local Counsel forms may be found on the [Court's web site](#).

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 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.

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/>