

# BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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## PENDING CHANGES IN NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY FORMS

Automatic adjustments will be made on April 1, 2019, to dollar amounts stated in various provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, one provision in Title 28, seven Official Bankruptcy Forms, and two Director's Forms. The adjustments will apply to cases filed on or after April 1, 2019.

The Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 104(a), provides the Judicial Conference make automatic adjustments of certain dollar amounts at three-year intervals. The Official Forms and Director's Forms impacted with dollar amount adjustments include:

- Official Form 106C, The Property You Claim as Exempt
- Official Form 107, Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy
- Official Form 122A-2, Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation
- Official Form 122C-2, Chapter 13 Calculation of Your Disposable Income
- Official Form 201, Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy
- Official Form 207, Statement of Your Financial Affairs for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy
- Official Form 410, Proof of Claim
- Director's Form 2000, Required Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Fees
- Director's Form 2830, Chapter 13 Debtor's Certifications Regarding Domestic Support Obligations and Section 522(q)

The revised forms have been posted to the [Pending Changes in the Bankruptcy Forms](#) page. Once effective, the revised forms will be available on the [Bankruptcy Forms](#) page.

## NEW CM/ECF EVENT– NON-OPPOSITION

A new event option, Non-Opposition with Certificate of Service, has been added to the drop-down menus under Answer/Response for both the Bankruptcy and Adversary categories.

The screenshot shows the CM/ECF system interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Bankruptcy' and 'Adversary'. Below the tabs are navigation icons for 'Docket Sheet' and 'Claims Register'. The main heading is 'File an answer to a motion'. Below this, there is a search bar and a list of metadata: 'Type: bk', 'Assets: y', 'Chapter: 13 v', and 'Judge: mkn'. A dropdown menu titled 'Available Events (click to select an event)' is open, showing options: Answer, Joinder, Non-Opposition (highlighted in green), Objection, Opposition, Reply, and Response. At the bottom of the dropdown are 'Next' and 'Clear' buttons.



### 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](http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov)

### 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, <https://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:

<https://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/about-the-court/contact-information/>