

# BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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## INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE MIKE K. NAKAGAWA

The current term of the Honorable Mike K. Nakagawa, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada, is due to expire in September 2020. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is considering the reappointment of Judge Nakagawa to a new 14 year term of office. The Court invites comments from the bar and public about Judge Nakagawa's performance as a bankruptcy judge. The duties of a bankruptcy judge are specified by statute, and include conducting hearings and trials, making final determinations, and entering orders and judgments.

Members of the bar and public are invited to submit comments concerning Judge Nakagawa for consideration by the Court of Appeals in determining whether or not to reappoint him. Anonymous responses will not be accepted. However, respondents who do not wish to have their identities disclosed should so indicate in the response, and such requests will be honored.

Comments should be submitted no later than Friday, June 14, 2019, to the following address:

Office of the Circuit Executive  
 P.O. Box 193939  
 San Francisco, CA 94119-3939  
 Reappointment of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Nakagawa  
 Email: [personnel@ce9.uscourts.gov](mailto:personnel@ce9.uscourts.gov)

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada offices will be **closed** on **Monday, May 27, 2019** in observance of **Memorial Day**. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.



## CHAPMOBILE CALENDAR APP

### ChapMobile Calendar App

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada is pleased to announce the expansion of service to the Bar and Public with a free, mobile app called ChapMobile. ChapMobile can be downloaded to iOS and Android devices. It provides access to court calendar and 341 hearing data.

ChapMobile was developed by the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Utah for all bankruptcy courts across the country. ChapMobile offers access to public court calendar data and 341 hearings - viewable anytime, anywhere. It provides a fast and easy mechanism to view court public calendars and 341 meetings, and gives individual attorneys and trustees the ability to view their upcoming hearings within the court. Attorneys practicing in the District of Nevada may search within the Attorney Search area of the app and view upcoming hearings they are scheduled to appear.

### ChapMobile App Features

- View each judge's hearing calendar (up to 14 days)
- Search hearings by Case Name or Case Number Search by Attorney name and view upcoming hearings for the week
- Create your own saved list of attorneys to quickly view upcoming hearings
- View court locations and contact information
- View 341 Meetings by Trustee (up to 30 days) or search by Case Name, Case Number or Attorney
- Navigate to another Bankruptcy court's Public Mobile Calendar

The [ChapMobile](#) app is available for free for both Apple and Android smartphones and tablets.

- Android devices – Go to [Google Play](#) from your Android device and search for "ChapMobile" to install the app.
- iOS devices – Go to the Apple [App store](#) from your iOS device and search for "ChapMobile" to install the app. (Requires an Apple ID.)

### 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/>