

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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COURT OPERATIONS UPDATES

The U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada have been monitoring the national and state and local responses to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak and its potential impact on our communities. The Governor of the State of Nevada has declared a public health emergency throughout the state in response to the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada. Moreover, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency. The Court is therefore taking temporary actions both in response to these emergency declarations, and to do its part in slowing the spread of COVID-19—to lessen COVID-19’s impact on the public and the public health system.

Please keep up to date on the changes to court operations by visiting the coronavirus webpage:

<https://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/coronavirus/>

SUBCHAPTER V OF CHAPTER 11 INDIVIDUAL DISCHARGES

The Bankruptcy Court has implemented [Administrative Order 2020-11](#) for individuals seeking discharges in cases under subchapter V of chapter 11. All individual debtors must complete and file the [local certificate of compliance form](#) and serve a copy of the certificate of compliance on all creditors. Failure to file this form may result in the case closing without a discharge.

U.S. TRUSTEE PROGRAM EXTENDS TELEPHONIC SECTION 341 MEETINGS TO CASES FILED THROUGH JULY 10, 2020

In light of the current health and safety concerns, the U.S. Trustee Program is extending the requirement that section 341 meetings be conducted only through telephonic or other alternative means not requiring in-person appearance to all cases filed through July 10, 2020. Appropriate notice will be provided to parties in accordance with bankruptcy law and rules.

The program’s website has been updated accordingly here:

<https://www.justice.gov/ust-regions-r17>

RENO OFFICE TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The divisional office in Reno remains closed to the public. No staff are available to assist the public in the Reno office. CM/ECF will continue to be available for electronic filing. Any documents mailed to the Reno office will be forwarded to the Las Vegas office for processing. This includes certified copies, so please be aware of the extra time it may take to obtain a certified copy.

ALL documents should be mailed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Las Vegas office at:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
300 Las Vegas Blvd So.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

For any questions, please call ECF Help desk toll free (866) 232-1266.

Emergency Bankruptcy petition filings without an attorney for RENO CASES ONLY

BEFORE filling out the fillable forms, a filing party MUST receive prior authorization from Clerk's staff. Call (866) 232-1266.

If all four of the following documents are not received, a bankruptcy case will not be opened:

- Contact Information Form
- Official Form B101 - Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy – (Instructions)
- Official Form 121 - Statement About Your Social Security Numbers
- Creditor Matrix

Signature pages to the petitions are required to be mailed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and received by the Court within 7 calendar days of the submission of the above petition documents. Failure to comply may result in your case being dismissed.

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/>

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

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.