

BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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MORTGAGE MODIFICATION UPDATED PROCEDURES

On October 15, 2020, the Court posted proposed “Mortgage Modification Program (MMP) Procedures” for public comments. The public comments were reviewed, and the Court approved the revised [procedures](#). Updated and new forms will be posted to the Court’s [website](#) soon.

There are significant changes to the mortgage modification program that will become effective January 1, 2021. This includes a shift from local mediators to a Program Manager. Mediators should review [Administrative Order 2020-17](#) for further guidance on current cases.

A webinar is scheduled for **January 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.** to review the changes in detail. A link to this webinar will be posted on the Court’s [MMP](#) webpage.

ZOOM REMINDERS

Appropriate dress is required when appearing on a ZOOM hearing. Counsel should instruct clients and third parties to dress appropriately if they will be appearing by ZOOM. All persons entering the ZOOM hearing shall be dressed in clothing reasonably befitting the dignity and solemnity of the court.



AMENDED LOCAL RULES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

The Local Rules have been amended and will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

Thank you to the Local Rules Committee for all its hard work!

A Message From The Clerk

On behalf of the bankruptcy judges and all the staff at the Bankruptcy Court, I would like to extend our best wishes for this holiday season to one and all. May good health and good wishes abound.

- Mary A. Schott, Clerk of Court

ORDER REMINDERS

- Follow the guidelines listed below when preparing and submitting Orders. Please be aware that orders may be rejected when not submitted in the proper format.
- You **MUST** leave a 3 inch margin of blank space at the TOP of the first page of your order. If the top margin is less than 3 inches, the order will not be processed.
- The **LAST LINE** of the last page of the order must have: **###** centered in the middle of the page to indicate the order is complete.
- Signatures of each party entering into an agreed order should be represented with /s/ followed by the typed name of the party. Example: /s/ Joe A. Attorney.
- **When referencing your motion in the body of the order, ensure you are referring to the motion title and document number.**
- If referencing exhibits in the order, the exhibits should be attached.
- Orders should be uploaded after the objection period has expired. Orders regarding motions requiring a hearing cannot be submitted until after the hearing. If moving party understands no hearing is required, an order should be submitted at the time the motion is filed. Agreed/ stipulated orders may be uploaded after the stipulation has been filed.
- Order titles must also state what is being granted or denied. Additionally, the language in the body of the order must explain exactly what is ordered, and accurately reflect the court's ruling. Failure to comply may result in the order being returned.



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

HOLIDAY COURT CLOSURES

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25th in observation of the Christmas holiday and
- Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st in observance of the New Year's holiday.