

# BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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## **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LR 9018**

In response to recent disclosures of wide-spread breaches of both private sector and government computer systems, the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada has proposed an amendment to Local Rule 9018, and is circulating this amendment to the bench, bar, and public for comment.

**The comment period is open until February 26, 2021.**

To review the changes and to submit a comment, please visit: <https://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/news-rss/announcements/2021/0128-public-comment/>.

## **9021 CERTIFICATIONS**

Documents submitted to the court must comply with Local Rule 9021. Documents that are listed in subsection (a) of LR 9021 must be submitted to the Court with the specific certification language stated in LR 9021(c).

When preparing the certification language required by LR 9021(c), please review all the choices carefully and pick the one that is most applicable. Many 9021 certifications indicate that the court waived the required certification when this is not correct. For example, if a motion was granted as unopposed because no party appeared at the hearing or filed an objection to the motion, there is an option for that in the certification language.

Unless the Court orders otherwise, parties have 3 business days from receiving proposed orders to communicate their approval or disapproval to the transmitting counsel. For more information, please see [LR 9021](#).

Please remember that without the certification language found in the rule, your proposed order could be returned.

## **POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2021**

The Poverty Guidelines for 2021 are now [available](#) on the Court's website. The poverty guidelines are needed by persons seeking fee waivers when filing for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.



## **CHAPTER 13 PRESUMPTIVE FEE GUIDELINES**

Pursuant to Local Rule 2016.2, the Court has adopted [presumptive attorney's fees](#) for services provided by debtor's attorneys in chapter 13 cases. These guidelines are applicable to bankruptcy cases filed on or after February 1, 2021.

The presumptive fee, including costs, is \$5,000.00 and may be awarded by the court through the confirmation order. To receive the presumptive fee, the attorney must certify that that the attorney has provided the services listed in the Guidelines in the case (or is willing to provide the services as applicable for no additional compensation).

Debtor's attorney must file the local form "Notice of Election to Accept the Presumptive Fee" at the same time the initial plan is filed.

## **MORTGAGE MODIFICATION PROCEDURE UPDATES**

The Court has updated its "Mortgage Modification Program (MMP) Procedures." There are significant changes to the mortgage modification program that became effective January 1, 2021. Updated and new forms are posted to the Court's website.

The changes include a shift from local mediators to a Program Manager. Mediators should review Administrative Order 2020-17 for further guidance on current cases.



## **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](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.