



COURT NEWS

Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo

2007

Jon D. Ceretto, Executive Officer/Clerk

JUDGE KWAN INDUCTION CEREMONY

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Monday June 25, 2007 was a special day for the legal community of the Central District of California - Judge Robert N. Kwan was officially inducted as a United States Bankruptcy Judge. Judge Kwan's induction was the first ever held for a bankruptcy judge at the spectacular Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Santa Ana. Chief District Judge Alicemarie H. Stotler and Chief Bankruptcy Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo presided over the ceremony, with over 20 district and bankruptcy judges in attendance.

The Ceremony began with Chief Judge Stotler administering the Oath of Office. Then Judge Kwan's wife, Grace, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Catherine performed the Investiture of Robe. Remarks were made by Judge Kwan's former colleagues and friends, Assistant United States Attorneys Yoshinori H. T. Himel and Robert F. Conte, A. Lavar Taylor, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles County Bar president Charles E. Michaels, and Judge Kwan's sister, Deputy State Public Defender Susan Ten Kwan.

In his response, Judge Kwan thanked his family, colleagues and mentors who supported his career, especially speaking with great compassion about members of his family who paved the way for him, including his father and his uncles, who are also practicing lawyers. Judge Kwan stated he felt like George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life* as "the richest man in town" surrounded by his supportive friends and family and jokingly adding that he hoped he had some resemblance to the movie's star Jimmy Stewart.

The Ceremony was adjourned by Clerk of Court Jon D. Ceretto, with immediately following a lively reception with terrific food and sweeping views of Orange County. The reception was generously sponsored by the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, and the Orange County Bar Association Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section.



Judge Stotler administers the Oath of Office



Judge Kwan and his Family

CHANGES TO THE 9TH CIRCUIT BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL (BAP)

Judge Erithe Smith, who has been serving on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) since January 1, 2004, announced that she will step down from the BAP effective August 1, 2007. In the wake of her vacancy, the 9th Circuit has appointed Judge Meredith Jury to the Panel. Judge Jury will join Judges Christopher M. Klein of Sacramento, Randall L. Dunn of Portland, Dennis Montali of San Francisco, Jim D. Pappas of Boise, and Bruce Markell of Las Vegas, who will be replacing BAP Chief Judge Philip H. Brandt of Seattle.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY
WEDNESDAY,
JULY 4TH, 2007**

CHAPTER 13 OPEN MEETING

At noon on July 30, 2007 the Bankruptcy Judges from the Central District of California's Chapter 13 Committee will hold an open meeting with all interested attorneys to discuss post confirmation issues. The Committee will discuss charges imposed on Debtors, methodology to determine whether a discharged debtor is current with a mortgage lender, and modification of the plan form. The Committee also welcomes input and information as to how these issues are being addressed in other districts and by bar organizations. For more details, see Public Notice 07-009 posted on our Web site: www.cacb.uscourts.gov



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CHAPTER 15 PROCEDURES AND REVISIONS TO LOCAL RULES AND FORMS

General Order 07-01, which summarizes new Chapter 15 procedures, became effective on June 5, 2007. You can read the order on the Court's Web site: www.cacb.uscourts.gov Under *General Orders*.

In addition, several Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms will be revised effective July 2, 2007. Among others, the form of papers filed with the Court (Local Rule 1002-1) and the extension of time to file schedules, statements, and other documents (Local Rule 1007-1) will be affected. There is a new Local Rule (2081-1) relating to Chapter 11 procedures, and a revised Local Rule (3015-1) regarding Chapter 13 cases. You can read the Local Bankruptcy Rules on the Court's Web site: www.cacb.uscourts.gov Under *Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms*.



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Judge Jury was delighted to be selected to serve on the BAP. She is particularly looking forward to serving along side other judges because, as she puts it, “the dynamic of discussing and deciding an issue with three judges involved is significantly different from what we do in the courtroom”. BAP cases are heard by judges sitting in three-judge panels and each judge is precluded from hearing matters arising from their own bankruptcy district. Judge Jury also welcomes the opportunity to write more opinions and to clarify some of the ambiguities in BAPCPA.

FILING STATISTICS

	2007 ESTIMATE JAN-JUN	2006 ACTUAL JAN-JUN	Percent Change
Central District of California			
Chapter 7	10,958	5,901	85.7%
Chapter 11	142	1252	4.4%
Chapter 13	3,284	1252	162.3%
TOTAL*	14,385	7,289	97.4%
	Calendar Year 2006	Calendar Year 2005	Percent Change
Nationally			
Chapter 7	360,890	1,659,017	-78.2%
Chapter 11	5,163	6,800	-24.1%
Chapter 13	251,179	412,130	-39.1%
TOTAL*	617,232	2,077,947	-70.3%

*Excludes Chapter 9, Chapter 12, Chapter 15 and Section 304 filings



20 Largest and Other Cases of Interest Filed in the Last 24 Months*

Debtor Name	Case Number	Date Filed	Chapter	Asset Level in Millions	Liability Level in Millions	Milestone July-August
APX Holdings, LLC	LA-06-10875-EC	3/16/2006	7	Over \$100	Over \$100	Hearing set for 7/5/07 re: second application for compensation for debtor's counsel.
Marion Knight, aka Suge Knight	LA-06-11187-VZ	4/4/2006	11	\$4	\$137	Hearing set for 6/26/07 re: application to employ Hill, Farrer and Burrill LLP as Special Litigation counsel.
Death Row Records, Inc	LA-06-11205-VZ	4/4/2006	11	Undetermined	\$111	Motion for 2004 examination of recorded conversations filed on 6/14/07.
Los Osos Community Services District	ND-06-10548-RR	8/25/2006	9	\$1-10	Less than \$1	Two Motions for Relief-Actions in Non-Bankruptcy Forum granted; three adversary cases pending.
Santa Barbara Beach Holding, LLC	ND-06-10887-RR	11/22/2006	11	\$54	Over \$75	Stipulated deadline for Debtor to file a motion to dismiss extended to 9/30/07.
Trigem America Corp.	SA-05-13972-TA	6/3/2005	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order Confirming First Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization entered 5/9/07.
Trigem Texas Inc.	SA-05-14047-TA	6/8/2005	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	52 Adversary Proceedings filed on 6/4 - 6/5/07. Objection to Claim hearings continued to 10/24/07 @ 10:00a.m.
Window Rock Entertainment, dba Cortislim	SA-05-50048-JR	11/23/2005	11	\$18	\$162	Order Granting Stipulation to extend the deadline to file final award of fees and expenses extended to 8/31/07.
People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., a Wyoming corporation	SA07-10765RK (LEAD)	3/7/2007	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order Re: Emergency Motion of Debtor to Establish a Bar Date for filing Proofs of Claim or Interest signed on 6/20/2007. Proofs of Claims due by 8/31/2007.
People's Choice Funding, Inc. a Delaware corporation	SA07-10767RK (Non-Lead)	3/7/2007	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order Granting Motion For Joint Administration on Lead Case 07-10765 with Member Case 8-07-bk-10767 entered 3/22/07.
People's Choice Financial Corporation, a Maryland corporation	SA07-10772RK (Non-Lead)	3/7/2007	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order Granting Motion For Joint Administration on Lead Case 07-10765 with Member Case 8-07-bk-10772 entered 3/22/07.
Jill Kelly Productions, Inc.	SV-05-15389-KT	8/8/2005	11	\$1-10	\$1-10	Substitution of attorney Robert J Young, Esq. for Adrienne M. Jacoby on 5/3/07.
Persistence Capital, LLC	SV-05-16450-KT	9/13/2005	11	\$85	\$29	Order denying Motion for stay of proceedings pending conclusion of criminal proceedings. Notice of Appeal re: Order granting Motion for settlement agreement with Trustee & Bruinbilt, LLC filed on 5/14/07. Certificate of Readiness of record on appeal to BAP filed on 6/21/07.
10000 Millenium Plaza LLC	SV-05-50021-GM	10/26/2005	11	\$50-100	\$30	Stipulation and Order to continue hearing on debtor's objection to claim 6/26/07.
Robert Blake, aka Michael J Gubitosi	SV-06-10125-GM	2/3/2006	11	\$0.5	\$50-100	Application for Compensation for Weinstein, Eisen & Weiss LLP continued to 8/8/07.
PureBeauty, Inc.	SV-06-10545-KT	4/18/2006	11	\$10-50	\$50	Amendment to Ch. 11 Plan & Disclosure Statement filed 4/16/07. Hearing on 6/26/07 for Applications for Allowance & Payment of Compensation/Reimbursement of Expenses.
Bodies in Motion, Inc.	SV-06-10931-GM	6/20/2006	11	\$10-50	\$50	Hearing on 4/25/07 for Interim Applications for Approval of Expenses. Order Approving Disclosure Statement filed on 4/24/07. Order Confirmation of Plan filed on 5/22/07.
Ow nit Mortgage Solutions Inc	SV-06-12579-KT	12/28/2006	11	\$698.0	\$819	Order approving sale of property signed on 5/15/07. Hearings for Relief of Stay Motions scheduled for: 6/28/07, 7/5/07, 7/12/07, and 7/26/07. Order Granting Motion for Relief of Stay on 6/14/07.
Ronco Corporation	SV-07-12000-GM	6/14/2007	11	Unknown	Unknown	Motion to Extend time to file schedules filed on 6/14/07. Hearing on 6/19/07 for emergency Motions. Order directing joint administration of related cases filed 6/19/07.
Ronco Marketing	SV-07-12001-GM	6/14/2007	11	Unknown	Unknown	Hearing on 6/19/07 for 1st day Emergency Motions filed in Affiliate case SV07-12000-GM. Joint administration under case 07-12000-GM Order signed on 6/19/07.

*Based on a combination of Asset and Liability Levels, Number of creditors, high activity, and/or name recognition

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