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JUDGE GOLDBERG TO RETIRE

Central District of California Bankruptcy Court Judge Mitchel R. Goldberg will retire on April 1, 2008, after spending almost twenty years presiding over bankruptcy cases in the Inland Empire.

Judge Goldberg, appointed to the bench June 1, 1988, presided over some of the highest-profile bankruptcy cases in the Central District, including Glen Ivy Resorts, Inc. and Consolidated Freightways Corp. cases. The former earned him a reputation as a mediator judge when he mediated complex state court insurance issues related to the Glen Ivy case.

During his time on the bench, among other activities, Judge Goldberg served as Chairperson of the Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Forms Committee for the establishment of the uniform forms in the Central District of California. He also served as a member of the Central District's Board of Bankruptcy Judges Executive Committee from 1995 to 1998 and 2004 to 2006.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Goldberg practiced in Orange County. He served as an Army Captain during the Vietnam conflict. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law. He is married to the former Janice Jacobs and has two daughters, Andrea and Shani.



PRO-BONO CLINIC FOR CHAPTER 7 DEBTORS IN SANTA ANA

The Santa Ana Division in collaboration with the Public Law Center, Orange County Bar Association – Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section, and the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum provides a Pro-Bono Clinic for Chapter 7 pro se debtors.

On every other Friday of the month, for two hours, lawyers offer pro bono assistance to Chapter 7 pro se debtors in a wide array of bankruptcy concerns from answering bankruptcy questions, filing forms, assisting in reopening a case to providing additional case information. The clinic is an opportunity for a debtor, without an attorney and who meet the financial requirement, to receive free legal advice from lawyers. Some of the most common questions or requests by debtors are to clarifying the different types of chapter bankruptcies, reopening prior dismissed cases, advice on filing forms, foreclosures, and other various topics.

JUDICIAL PRACTICES SURVEY REQUEST FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

As part of an ongoing commitment towards providing the highest level of public service possible, the Central District of California Bankruptcy Court periodically surveys its judges to assess the differences in practices and procedures from chambers to chambers.

The last survey was completed in March 2001. It can be located on the Court's website at <http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov> under News/Notices/Publications > Publications > Judicial Variance Survey.

The Ad Hoc Judicial Practices Survey Committee would be grateful to have the benefit of your suggested questions for the upcoming survey. Questions and/or Comments should be submitted by April 30, 2008 to:

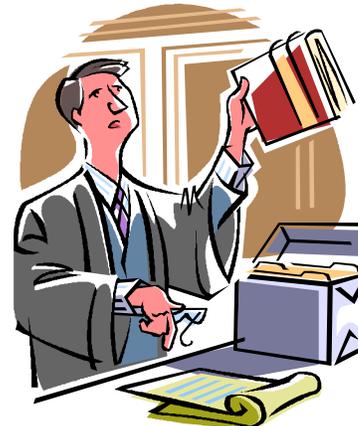
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REVISIONS TO LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES AND FORMS

The Central District of California recently approved new and revised Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms. These local changes were announced in Public Notices 08-002, 08-004 and 08-005. The revised rules are LBR 1017-1 Conversion, LBR 2016-2 Compensation and Trustee Reimbursement Procedures in Chapter 7 Asset Cases, LBR 2070-1 Chapter 7 Operating Cases, LBR 3007-1 Objections to Claims, LBR 7055-1 Default, and LBR 9021-1 Orders and Judgments.



In addition to the revised bankruptcy rules, please begin using the following revised bankruptcy rules forms F 1017-1.1, F 1017-1.2, F 2016-2.1, F 2016-2.2, as well as the new forms F 1017-1.3 Notice of Debtor's Motion to Convert Case Under 11 U.S.C. § 706(a), F 1017-1.4 Debtor's Notice of Conversion Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1208(a) or 1307(a), F 1017-1.5 Order on Debtor's Notice of Conversion Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1208(a) or 1307(a), F 2016-2.1A Order on Trustee's Motion Under Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2 For Authorization to Employ Paraprofessionals and/or Authorization to Pay Flat Fee to Tax Preparer, F 2016-2.2A Order on Trustee's Motion Under Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2 for Approval of Cash Disbursements by the Trustee, F 3007-1.3 Notice of Objection to Claim, and F 3015-1.1A Addendum to Chapter 13 Plan Concerning Debtors Who are Repaying Debt Secured by a Mortgage on Real Property or a Lien on Personal Property the Debtor Occupies as the Debtor's Principal Residence.

The new and revised Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms are available on the Court's web site www.cacb.uscourts.gov under *Forms/Rules/General Orders*.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION HONORS
JUDGE MAUREEN A. TIGHE**



Judge Maureen A. Tighe was recently honored by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association at its Annual Judges' Night Dinner in Woodland Hills on February 21, 2008. Judge Tighe was recognized for her work in making the San Fernando Valley division's Self-Help Desk possible. At the event, Judge Tighe thanked the SFV Bar Association, Neighborhood Legal Services, and the Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys Association for their work in partnering with the division to support the continued success of the Self-Help Desk. In addition to a lovely plaque, the SFV Bar Association presented Judge Tighe with commendations from United States Congressman Brad Sherman, California State Senator Sheila James Kuehl, Los Angeles County Supervisors Zev Yaroslavsky and Michael Antonovich, and the Office of the City Attorney in Los Angeles.

The Self-Help Desk began on September 17, 2007 and provides pro se debtors with access to bankruptcy information, forms, and counsel. As a result of increasing demand, the desk is now open every Monday, except court holidays, from 1:00-3:00PM. In addition, seminars are held the first Thursday of every month at 12:00PM which provide free legal information, but no legal advice, and access to reference materials. The seminar provides help for debtors and creditors, information on filing requirements, the difference between chapter 7 and chapter 13, non-dischargeability issues, proofs of claim and where to find a bankruptcy attorney.

RECENT PUBLIC NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Number	Effective Date	Description
08-001	1/04/2008	2008 Federal Holidays
08-002	1/22/2008	Revisions to Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms
08-003	2/20/2008	Closure of Contracted On-Site Copy Services
08-004	3/01/2008	New/Revised Local Bankruptcy Rules Forms
08-005	3/01/2008	Optional Addendum to Chapter 13 Plan Form

FILING STATISTICS

	2008 Estimate Jan-Feb	2007 Actual Jan - Feb	Percentage Change
ChangeCentral District of California			
Chapter 7	5,278	3,269	61.46%
Chapter 11	65	28	132.97%
Chapter 13	1,855	982	88.85%
Total ¹	7,198	4,279	68.21%
	12 Month Period Ending 9/30/07	12 Month Period Ending 9/30/06	Percentage Change
Nationally			
Chapter 7	484,162	833,147	-41.88%
Chapter 11	5,888	6,003	-1.91%
Chapter 13	310,802	272,937	13.87%
Total ^{1,2}	800,852	1,112,087	-27.98%

1 - Excludes Chapter 9, Chapter 12, Chapter 15, and Section 304 filings.

2 - Bankruptcy filings for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2007 are currently unavailable.

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 Reported in Jan-Feb Issue
APX Holdings, LLC	LA-06-10875-EC	3/16/2006	7	Over \$100	Over \$100	Status conference is continued to 4/30/08.
Marion Knight, aka Suge Knight	LA-06-11187-VZ	4/4/2006	11	\$4	\$137	Hearing re motion to use cash collateral to be held on 2/26/08.
Death Row Records, Inc	LA-06-11205-VZ	4/4/2006	11	Undetermined	\$111	Hearing re motion approving the procedures, deadlines for the sales of all music related asset to be held on 2/26/08.
Thorpe Insulation Company	LA07-19271-BB	10/15/2007	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Hearing re motion to extend exclusivity period for filing chapter 11 plan and disclosure statement to be held on 3/12/08.
Brotman Medical Center	LA07-19705BB	10/25/2008	11	\$1mil to \$100 mil	\$1mil to \$100 mil	Order entered on 2/5/08 setting proof of claim deadline to 4/8/08.
Solidus Networks, Inc., dba Pay by Touch	LA 07-20027 TD	10/31/2008	11	unknown	unknown	Motion to set last date to file proof of claim filed on 2/8/08.
Alert Cellular, LC	ND-07-10918-RR	7/3/2007	11	\$1-100	\$1-100	Hearing re: motion for approval of Ch. 11 disclosure statement continued to 2/27/08.
Los Osos Community Services District	ND-06-10548-RR	8/25/2006	9	\$1-10	Less than \$1	AP06-1098 status conference re: removed complaint scheduled for 6/10/08. AP06-1099 status conference re: first amended complaint scheduled for 5/16/08.
Valley Health Systems, Inc.	RS-07-18293-PC	12/13/2007	9	\$100	\$100	Order entered 1/15/08 that appointment of patient care ombudsman not necessary at this time. Hearing set for 3/6/08 re Relief from Stay in Non-BK Forum.
National R V Holdings, Inc	RS-07-17941-PC	11/30/2007	11	1 - 100	1 - 100	Several professionals have been employed by the DIP. Hearing set for 2/19/08 to Appoint Creditor Committee.
Great Circle Family Foods, LLC, DBA: Krispy Kreme Doughnuts	SA-07-12600-ES (LEAD of 6)	8/22/2007	11	\$1-100	\$1-100	Chapter 11 Status Conference Order signed on 2/8/2008; with Certificate of Mailing. Status Conference is continued to 5/8/2008 at 10:30 a.m. (Entered: 02/11/2008).
People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., a Wyoming corporation	SA-07-10765-RK (LEAD of 3)	3/7/2007	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order Granting Motion for Order pursuant to Section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code further extending the time periods during which the Debtors have the exclusive right to file a Plan of Reorganization and to solicit acceptances thereto Signed on 1/8/2008.
Real Estate Partners, Inc. DBA: Coldwell Banker Commercial REP	SA-07-13239-TA (LEAD of 8)	10/8/2007	11	\$1 - 100	\$1 - 100	Motion to Extend Exclusivity Period for Filing a Chapter 11 Plan and Disclosure Statement Debtors' Motion for Extension of Exclusivity
MTI Technology Corporation	SA-07-13347-ES	10/15/2007	11	\$1 - 100	\$1 - 100	Chapter 11 Status Conference Order Signed on 1/10/2008; with certificate of service. The Status Conference is continued to March 13, 2008 at 10:30 am. (Entered: 01/11/2008)
PureBeauty, Inc.	SV-06-10545-KT	4/18/2006	11	\$10-50	\$50	Motion to Extend Time to File Objections to Claims filed 1/24/08.
Ownit Mortgage Solutions Inc	SV-06-12579-KT	12/28/2006	11	\$698.0	\$819	Notice of Order Confirming Ch. 11 Third Amended Plan dated 1/18/08; 107 Motions for Relief filed during this period & assigned hearing dates.
Ronco Corporation	SV-07-12000-GM (LEAD of 2)	6/14/2007	11	Unknown	Unknown	Proof of Claims bar date extended to 3/25/08; Motion for Relief hearing date continued to 3/6/08 @ 10:00 AM; Adv 1:08-ap-01033 filed 2/13/08.
Specialty International Inc.	SV-07-12715-KT	8/2/2007	11	Unknown	Unknown	Adv. 1:07-ap-01288 filed on 12/21/08. Order Granting Relief from Automatic Stay for Serra Corp. Inc. signed on 1/18/08.
California TD Investments LLC	SV-07-13003-GM (LEAD of 3)	8/21/2007	11	\$13.0	\$117	Adv. 1:08-ap-01206 filed on 2/1/08.
Quality Home Loans	SV-07-13006-GM	8/21/2007	11	\$130.0	\$177	Order approving appointment of Ch. 11 Trustee David Gould. 2 Motions for Relief filed during this period & assigned hearing dates.
AREI Newhall 10 LLC	SV07-15156-MT (Lead of 17 Jointly Administered cases)	12/25/2007	11	Under \$1	\$24	Order for Joint Administration of pending cases signed on 1/11/08. 341(a) meeting set for 4/1/08 @ 9:00 AM. Motion for Relief hrg. Set for 2/28/08 @ 09:30 AM.

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

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