

STATUS CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

A thorough, written status report, filed 10 court days in advance, is required before each chapter 11 and adversary status conference, unless one of the following is true:

1. The matter is an adversary proceeding and, prior to the date scheduled for the status conference, the parties have filed and the court has entered an order approving a stipulation that resolves all issues raised by the adversary proceeding and provides either for dismissal of the action in its entirety or the entry of judgment in the action;
2. The matter is an adversary proceeding, defaults have been entered as against all defendants and the plaintiff has filed and served a motion for default judgment prior to the date scheduled for the status conference; or
3. The parties have filed and, prior to the date scheduled for the status conference, the court has entered an order approving, a stipulation continuing the status conference to a later date (in which case a written status report must be filed not less than 10 court days in advance of the continued status conference date).

In adversary proceedings, use of the court-approved forms is recommended.

Please note also that, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(a)(2), if a defendant fails to cooperate in the preparation of a joint status report, the plaintiff is required to file a unilateral status report not less than 8 court days prior to the date scheduled for the status conference, which report should include a declaration setting forth the attempts made by the plaintiff to contact or obtain the cooperation of the defendant in the preparation of a joint status report.

Unless one of the three exceptions outlined above applies, Judge Bluebond expects parties to file status reports in a timely manner. Parties that fail to do so will be subject to a minimum sanction of \$150 or such other sanctions as may be warranted under the circumstances or allowed under Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1. Failure to appear for a status conference in an adversary proceeding may result in a minimum sanction of \$250, dismissal of the adversary proceeding for failure to prosecute or such other sanctions as may be warranted under the circumstances or allowed under Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1.