



COURT NEWS

Chief Judge Barry Russell

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COURT TO CONVERT TO NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

After a lengthy and comprehensive planning effort, the Court will begin another significant chapter in its history over the Labor Day weekend. During that weekend, the Court will be converting to CM, the nationally-developed case management system. Although the Court has done everything possible to make this conversion as seamless as possible, there will be modifications in service (as detailed in Public Notice 05-010) during the Labor Day weekend that include:

- The intake windows will close at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 1, 2005.
- The Court will be open during the normal office hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 2, 2005, to accept manual filings at the Intake window. The filer will receive a manual receipt at the time of filing; however, case numbers, judge assignments, and trustee assignments will not be made until Tuesday, September 6, 2005.
- The drop boxes at the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley division will be closed at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 31, 2005, to ensure that all documents deposited are processed that day. They will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2005.
- During the conversion process, the availability of *eFile* will be limited. The table below indicates the dates and times of its availability. Please plan to submit your filings early to avoid slow response times and to allow you to complete your transaction, since the Court anticipates *eFile* traffic to be heavy on Thursday, September 1.

Dates	eFile Available	Comments
8/31/05	12:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	All modules available
9/1/05	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	All modules available
9/2/05	12:00 a.m. on	Petition module will be available. Modules for motions and complaints may not be available until later.

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COURT CLOSURE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

On Friday, September 23, 2005, all Central District of California Bankruptcy Court Divisions will be closed. For acceptance of emergency manual filings from throughout the district, the Case Initiation Section in the Los Angeles Division only (located on the ground floor at 300 N. Los Angeles Street) will be open. However, *eFile* will continue to be available for all registered users on this date. If you need to file a emergency petition or subsequent filing, please contact (213) 894-8401.

COURT HOLIDAYS

Day/Date	Holiday
Monday, September 5, 2005	Labor Day
Monday, October 10, 2005	Columbus Day

FEE INCREASES TO TAKE EFFECT IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

The fee for filing an adversary will increase from \$150 to \$250, effective September 20, 2005. The Judicial Conference, at its September 2004 session, approved an increase in the fee for filing a civil action under 28 U.S.C. §1914(a) from \$150 to \$250, which would have automatically increased the adversary fee, since the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule (Item 6) is linked to the civil action fee. However, the increase to the adversary fee was held in abeyance to allow for review by the Committee on Administration of the Bankruptcy System. After consideration, the Committee on Administration of the Bankruptcy system agreed to the fee increase, which will take effect on September 20, 2005.

In addition, the amendment to section 325 of the Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (Pub L. 109-8, 2005) increased the filing fees required by 28 U.S.C. §1930 for Chapters 7, 13, and 11. The new filing fee for Chapter 7 bankruptcy will increase to \$274.00, for Chapter 13 it will increase to \$189.00, and for Chapter 11 it will increase to \$1,039.00. The filing fee increases will be effective October 17, 2005. (See Public Notice 05-008).

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 20, 2005		
Item	Old Fee	New Fee
Adversary Filing Fee	\$150.00	\$250.00
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 2005		
Item	Old Fee	New Fee
Chapter 7 Filing Fee	\$209.00	\$274.00
Chapter 13 Filing Fee	\$194.00	\$189.00
Chapter 11 Filing Fee	\$839.00	\$1,039.00

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- *eFile* transactions that are in the "Incomplete Documents" or the "Pending Proof of Service" queues will be permanently deleted from the *eFile* system at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 1, 2005. After 6:00 P.M. on September 1, 2005, any documents that are necessary to complete these transactions must be manually filed.
- Starting Tuesday, September 6, 2005, *eFile* attachments must be in Adobe Acrobat version 5. Attachments must also be limited in size to 2 megabytes per electronic filing.
- PACER will not be available from 8:00 A.M. on Friday, September 2, 2005, through 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005.
- Even though PACER will look different under CM, it will provide the same information as the current system, thus PACER users will not need a new ID or password. More information about the new PACER interface can be found in the *PACER Manual for Non-Court Users*, which can be accessed from the Electronic Services Section of the Court's website at <http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov>.
- Starting September 6, 2005, the time of filing will no longer be stamped on the document for both paper and electronic filings. However, the receipt and/or *Notice of Electronic Filing* provided to the filer will contain the time and date the document was received by the Court.
- As of Friday, September 2, 2005, the Print-for-Fee service will no longer be available. As of Tuesday, September 6, 2005, copy requests in all divisions, except the Northern Division will be directed to the contract copy service. Print requests in the Northern Division should be directed to the Intake counter.

SIERRA NEVADA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY FILES FOR CHAPTER 9

The Sierra Nevada Public Financing Authority filed for Chapter 9 Bankruptcy on August 3, 2005. The Sierra Nevada Public Authority, a public agency located in Fresno County, filed in the Central District of California since their principal assets are located in the Malibu/Calabasas area. Chief Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the Ninth Circuit assigned the case to Chief Bankruptcy Judge Barry Russell.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR DEBTOR ASSISTANCE PROJECT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 3rd annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Public Counsel Law Center on the Eisenhower Course at Pacific Palms Conference Resort (Industry Hills Golf Course) will be on September 30, 2005, in the City of Industry. If you have not yet registered, there is still time to participate in this exciting golf event hosted by the Debtor's Assistance Project, but you must register by September 16, 2005. The entry fee is \$125 per person and includes green fees, cart, live auction, raffle, custom awards for individual and team play, a complementary gift bag, and dinner. Come out and enjoy a beautiful Southern California day with friends and colleagues, while helping your community at the same time.

For more information go to <www.charitygolfonline.com>, click **Tournament Search**, and then the tournament date. For information regarding tee sponsorship or contributions of items for silent auction please contact Timothy Yoo at tyoo@rdwlawcorp.com

Court Statistics January - August 2005

	ANNUAL ESTIMATE	TOTAL	% Change 05 vs 04
Case Commencement:			
Chp. 7	58,823	54,892	7%
Chp. 11	223	302	-26%
Chp. 13	3,581	5,445	-34%
*TOTAL	62,627	60,639	3%
Complaints:			
Dischargeability	1,295	1,693	-24%
Recover Money/Property	1,219	2,629	-54%
All Other	403	419	-4%
TOTAL	2,917	4,741	-38%
Motions:			
Personal Property	2,692	4,172	-35%
Real Property	1,429	3,655	-61%
Unlawful Detainer	532	673	-21%
Other RFS	319	448	-29%
Dismiss	3,960	7,992	-50%
Dismiss/Convert	104	217	-52%
Fees, Employment, Expenses	7,657	9,400	-19%
TOTAL	16,693	26,557	-37%
National Filing Trends			
	12-Month period ending 6/2005	12-Month period ending 6/2004	% Change 05 vs 04
Chapter 7	1,196,212	1,167,101	2.5%
Chapter 11	6,703	11,048	-39.3%
Chapter 13	433,945	457,171	-5.1%
*TOTAL	1,636,860	1,635,320	0.1%

*Excludes Chapter 9, Chapter 12, 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	Last Milestone
Jill Kelly Productions, Inc.	SV-05-15389-KT	08/08/05	11	\$1-10	\$1-10	341a meeting hearing on 10/04/2005 at 09:00 a.m. at 21051 Warner Center Lane, #105, Woodland Hills, CA 91367
Sierra Nevada Public Financing	LA-05-27696-BR	08/03/05	9	\$1-10	\$10-50	Order setting hearing for approval of disclosure statement and order for filing a chapter 9 plan of reorganization and disclosure statement; hearing on 11/29/05.
Burstein Technologies	LA-05-23985-EC	06/16/05	11	Over \$100	\$10-50	Order to dismiss case was filed on 8/3/05
Trigem Texas Inc.	SA-05-14047-JB	06/08/05	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order denying motion for order directing joint administration of Trigem America Corp. and Trigem Texas, inc. entered 7/1/05.
Trigem America Corp.	SA-05-13972-RA	06/03/05	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order denying motion for order directing joint administration of Trigem America Corp. and Trigem Texas, inc. entered 7/1/05.
WattsHealth Foundation, dba UHP Healthcare	LA-05-22627-TD	05/31/05	11	\$55	\$45	Application to employ professionals; hearing on 9/7/05.
GSM Wireless	SA-05-13514-JR	05/19/05	11	\$10-50	\$10-50	All Schedules filed 7/5/05. Order for final hearing on Motion for Cash Collateral continued to 9/20/05.
Queen's Seaport Development	LA-05-15175-VZ	03/16/05	11	\$47	\$29	Order to pay Professional Fees entered on August 16, 2005.
Rancho Las Flores Development	RS-05-12224-MG	03/11/05	11	\$11	\$8	Hearing on Motion for appointment of Chapter 11 Trustee continued to November 1, 2005; Disclosure Statement hearing continued to DDecember 6, 2005.
Brett Livingston Strong	SV-05-10137-KT	01/11/05	11	\$184	\$21	ORDER granting/approving motion to sell real property on 6/2/05.
American Restaurant Group, Inc. dba Stuart Anderson's Restaurants	LA-04-30732-TD	09/28/04	11	\$33	\$223	Order of Discharge filed on 8/5/05; effective as of 7/11/05.
Franchise Pictures, LLC	SV-05-13855-MT	08/18/04	11	\$0-50	Over \$100	Case transferred to SV office. New case SV05-13855MT. Order allowing administrative claims, professional fees and expenses on 6/15/05.
Sega Gameworks LLC	LA-04-15404-BB	03/09/04	11	\$26	\$36	Status conference continued to 10/20/05.
Tri-City Mental Health Center	LA-04-13167-BR	02/13/04	9	\$1-10	\$10-50	Hearing for approval of the disclosure statement describing Ch. 9 plan of adjustment continued to 8/29/05.
Aaron Tonken	LA-04-12883-EC	02/10/04	7	\$1-10	\$10-50	Relief from stay hearing on 9/20/05.
Illuminations.com, Inc.	LA-04-10427-SB	01/12/04	11	\$52	\$55	Case was converted to chapter 7 on 3/2/05. Order approving the disbursement of cash entered on 7/1/05.
Checkmate Staffing, Inc.	SA-03-19318-JR	12/29/03	11	\$22	\$31	D/S & Plan not filed. Stipulated Order entered 8/22/05 for Relief from Stay in Workers' Compensation Case No. SAC 0327878.
Santa Paula Memorial Hospital	ND-03-13454-RR	12/22/03	11	\$18	\$6	Multiple post-confirmation stipulations between Committee, Debtor, and Creditors are pending; status conference scheduled for 10/24/05
Jeffrey and Nan Bennett	RS-03-26484-MG	11/14/03	11	\$21	\$27	Stipulation and ORDER thereon between reorganized debtors and City National Bank regarding nonmaterial modification to order confirming debtors' first amended chapter 11 plan with interlineations per court ruling of July 20, 2004.
Spectrum Restaurant Group, Inc.	SA-03-15911-RA	08/06/03	11	\$39	\$107	Hearing on Objections to Claims set for 10/20/05.

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

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