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## Court News

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## Judge Peter H. Carroll Appointed Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court

On January 3, 2011, Judge Peter H. Carroll assumed the post of Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California. Judge Carroll succeeds Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo, who has served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge since 2007. Judge Carroll is the sixth Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District and has served as a bankruptcy judge since 2002.

Judge Carroll received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and his juris doctorate degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, where he spent 14 years in private practice. After returning to California, Judge Carroll served as an assistant United States Trustee for the Department of Justice. He also served as a Director of the California Bankruptcy Forum until his appointment to the bench and was previously a Director and President of the Central California Bankruptcy Association. Judge Carroll's appointment as Chief Bankruptcy Judge will run through 2014.



## Judge Victoria S. Kaufman Relocates to San Fernando Valley Division

On January 3, 2011, Judge Victoria S. Kaufman officially relocated from the Los Angeles Division to the San Fernando Valley Division.

With a few exceptions, all Judge Kaufman's pending Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Los Angeles bankruptcy and adversary proceedings will be heard by Judges Peter H. Carroll, Vincent P. Zurzolo, Sheri Bluebond, Richard M. Neiter, and Barry Russell.

All Chapter 13 cases and related adversary proceedings will be heard by Judge Ernest M. Robles.

For additional information regarding the case changes and for appropriate contact information, please refer to Public Notice 10-029.

## Judge Mund to Become Recalled Bankruptcy Judge

Effective February 9, 2011, Judge Geraldine Mund's status as an Active Bankruptcy Judge will be converted to a Recalled Bankruptcy Judge. She will continue to maintain chambers in the San Fernando Valley Division and will continue to receive new San Fernando Valley Division cases for several months. When her replacement has been appointed, she will no longer be assigned new cases, but will continue to handle cases already assigned to her.

For additional information, please refer to Public Notice 10-022.

## Important Updates

### Court Website:

- Court Manual
- Public Notices

## Save the Date

Passing of the Gavel from the Honorable Vincent P. Zurzolo to the Honorable Peter H. Carroll  
Location: U.S. Court of Appeals Pasadena, CA

Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

RSVP by January 14, 2011 (213) 894-8894

## Court Closed

Monday, January 17, 2011  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 21, 2011  
Presidents Day

## Reassignment of Judge Kathleen Thompson's Bankruptcy and Adversary Proceedings

As of January 7, 2011, Judge Kathleen Thompson's pending bankruptcy and adversary proceedings will be reassigned to Judge Victoria S. Kaufman. Judge Kaufman will occupy San Fernando Valley Division chambers 305 and courtroom 301. The initials following the bankruptcy and adversary proceedings shall be changed from "KT" to "VK."

The Los Angeles Division bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings retained by Judge Kaufman will be reassigned San Fernando Valley case numbers and will now be heard in courtroom 301 in the San Fernando Valley Division. Judge's copies must be served to the judge at her chambers in the San Fernando Valley Division, chambers 305.

For the list of bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings retained by Judge Victoria S. Kaufman, please refer to Public Notice 10-030.

## San Fernando Division Case Assignments to Los Angeles Division Judges

As of December 1, 2010, a portion of newly-filed Chapter 11 San Fernando Valley Division bankruptcy cases were assigned to Judge Alan M. Ahart of the Los Angeles Division. Judge Ahart will relocate to the San Fernando Valley Division in 2011.

Until Judge Ahart relocates to the San Fernando Valley Division, unless notified otherwise, hearings on his San Fernando Valley Division cases will be held in the Los Angeles Division. Papers filed on his San Fernando Valley Division cases shall be filed either electronically or, for non-registered ECF users, at the Intake area of the San Fernando Valley Division. Deliveries of Judge Ahart's copies of documents filed in the San Fernando Valley Division cases are to be made to his chambers in the Los Angeles Division.

For additional information regarding the reassigned cases, please refer to Public Notice 10-026.

## Two New Judgeship Openings

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from highly qualified candidates to fill two (2) vacant Bankruptcy Judgeships for the Central District of California. It is anticipated that the candidates will maintain chambers in Los Angeles.

The application can be downloaded from the Circuit website at [www.ce9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov). Applications must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, February 4, 2011. The selection process may take up to 10 months to complete.

## Revisions to the Court Manual

Effective immediately, new revisions have been made to the Court Manual. These revisions include:

- Section 6: Updated forms list
- Appendix F: Revised addresses for service of judge's copy of filed documents
- Appendix H: Updated judges' emergency motion contacts
- Appendix I: Issues regarding notice and service

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The updated Court Manual is available on the Court's website at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov) under Forms/Rules/General Orders.

For additional information or questions regarding these changes, please contact the ECF Help Desk at (213) 894-2365 or via email at [ECF\\_support@cacb.uscourts.gov](mailto:ECF_support@cacb.uscourts.gov).

## Changes to Local Bankruptcy Rules and General Order 96-05

The Central District of California has revised General Order 96-05 *Attorney Discipline Procedures in Bankruptcy Court*, and a number of its Local Bankruptcy Rules (LBRs) that become effective January 3, 2011. They are:

- LBR 1010-1, Involuntary Petitions
- LBR 3015-1(w)(3), Motions and Applications Filed on Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing: Response Filed
- LBR 5005-2(d), Filing Papers - Number of Copies: Judge's Copy
- LBR 7004-1(a), Issuance and Service of Summons and Notice of Status Conference: Presentation for Issuance
- LBR 7056-1(b)(1) Summary Judgment: Motion and Supporting Documents
- LBR 9009-1, Forms
- LBR 9013-1(o)(2), Matters that May Not be Determined Upon Notice of Opportunity to Request Hearing
- LBR 9013-1(o)(4), Motions and Matters Not Requiring a Hearing: Response and Request for Hearing Filed

The revised General Order and LBRs, along with a redline version, are available at no cost on the Court's website at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov) under Forms/Rules/General Orders.

For additional information, please see Public Notices 10-028.

## Filing Statistics

### Central District of California - Percent Increase in Filings

January - December 2010\* to January - December 2009

**30.50%** ↑

2010: 109,175

2009: 83,674

Chapter 7

**-0.70%** ↓

2010: 1,121

2009: 1,129

Chapter 11

**34.60%** ↑

2010: 32,111

2009: 23,848

Chapter 13

**31.10%** ↑

2010: 142,407

2009: 108,651

Total

### National - Percent Increase in Filings

12 Mo. Period Ending September 30, 2010 to Same Period Ending September 30, 2009

**16.00%** ↑

2010: 1,146,511

2009: 989,227

Chapter 7

**-3.80%** ↓

2010: 14,191

2009: 14,745

Chapter 11

**9.20%** ↑

2010: 434,839

2009: 398,210

Chapter 13

**13.80%** ↑

2010: 1,595,541

2009: 1,402,182

Total

\*Based on estimated filing data for December 2010.

## CM/ECF Tips

### Avoiding Multiple Amended Schedule Fees

To avoid incurring multiple fees when filing amendments to Schedules D, E, F, and/or Creditor Matrix within the same day, be sure to include the list of the affected creditors with the amended schedule(s) in one PDF. *For example:* If filing Amended Schedule F and you are adding additional creditors, include the list of additional creditors in the same PDF with the Amended Schedule. The appropriate event code is **BK – Other > Amendment - Amending Schedules D, E, F for Ch 7, 11 & 13 (fee)**.

### **New CM/ECF Information available on Court's Website**

The Court's website has been updated to include direct links to the *CM/ECF Home Page and Log in Live*.

## Top 20 Cases of Interest Filed in the Last 24 Months\*

### **Krystal Air**

SV-10-23983-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 11/2/10, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. 341(a) Mtg. held 12/2/2010. Schedules filed on 11/12/10. Motion for Relief filed by VFS Financing Inc. Complaint filed by Debtor, et al. against General Electric Capital Corp., et al. Adv. Case 1:10-ap-01503.

### **Loan Exchange Group, a CA General Par, a Partnership**

SV-10-23699-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 10/28/10, Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. 341(a) Mtg. held 12/15/2010.

### **AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, Inc.**

LA-10-56761-BB, Chapter 11, Filed 10/29/10. Assets between \$100,001-\$500,000 and Liabilities between \$1-\$10 million. Case Management Conference status report was filed on 12/16/10.

### **WestCliff Medical Laboratories, Inc./BioLabs, Inc.**

SA-10-16743-TA, SA-10-16746-TA, Chapter 11, Filed 5/19/10. Assets and Liabilities between \$50-\$100 million. Order granting Motion to Extend Exclusivity Period to 12/15/2010 was entered on 10/27/2010. Second Motion to Extend Exclusivity Period was filed on 12/15/2010.

### **Ocean Parks Hotels - TOY LLC/Ocean Park Hotels - TOP LLC**

SV-10-15358-GM, SV-10-15359-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 5/6/10. Assets and Liabilities between \$10-\$50 million. Order Approving ex parte motion to continue hearings on approval of disclosure statement in support of debtors' joint plan of reorganization and case status conferences signed on 10/21/10. Amended Chapter 11 Plan filed 12/03/10.

### **Bander Law Firm, LLP**

LA-10-15066-AA, Chapter 7, Filed 2/12/10. Assets between \$1-100 million and Liabilities between \$500,001-\$1 million. Order entered on 10/19/10 granting the trustee's application to employ LC Financial as collection representative.

### **The Walking Company**

ND-09-15138-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 12/7/09. Assets over \$100 million and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order granting motion for Final Decree entered 12/13/10.

### **Downey Regional Medical Center-Hospital Inc.**

LA-09-34714-BB, Chapter 11, Filed 9/14/09. Assets over \$100 million and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order entered on 12/14/10 approving claims settlement and release agreement between debtor and Caremore Health Plan, Inc.

### **IM Stopping Power GmbH**

SV-09-21491-MT, Chapter 15, Filed 9/1/09. Assets between \$50,000-100,000 and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Continued status hearing set for 04/07/11 @ 09:30 AM.

### **Lenny Kyle Dykstra**

SV-09-18409-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 7/7/09. Assets between \$0-50,000 and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Notice of Appeal Filed Debtor on 10/18/10. Order Granting abandonment of CLG Properties LLC signed on 10/22/10. Order Granting Motion for Relief signed on 11/18/10. Complaint filed by Lenny Kyle Dykstra against Firemans Fund Insurance Co. & Associated Indemnity. Adv. case 1:10-ap-01516.

### **PPA Holdings, LLC**

SA-09-16353-ES (LEAD of 22), Chapter 11, Filed 6/26/09. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Hearings set Re: Applications for Compensation for 1/20/2011 @10:30AM.

### **Z Gallerie**

LA-09-18400-VZ, Chapter 11, Filed 4/10/09. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order entered on 9/27/10 by the reorganized debtor for entry of final decree closing case and order discharging Omni Management Group, LLC as agent for the Clerk.

### **Fatburger Restaurants of California, Inc./Fatburger Restaurants of Nevada, Inc.**

SV-09-13964-GM, SV-09-13965-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 4/7/09. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Amended Order Approving Stipulation Between Debtors and The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Re: Payment of Debtor-In-Possession Financing and Outstanding Administrative Expense Priority Claims with notice of entered order and service list.

### **Crystal Cathedral Ministries, a California non-profit corporation**

SA-10-24771-RK, Chapter 11, Filed 10/18/10. Assets and Liabilities \$50-\$100 million. Schedules filed 12/1/2010. Notice of Deadline for Filing Proof of Claims filed 12/10/2010. Deadline set for 2/28/2011.

### **Toni Braxton**

LA-10-51909-BR, Chapter 7, Filed 9/30/10. Assets between \$1-10 million and Liabilities between \$10-50 million. Trustee's motion for joint administration of chapter 7 cases was filed on 12/15/10.

### **Liberty Entertainment, Inc.**

LA-10-51881-ER, Chapter 7, Filed 8/30/10. Assets between \$500,000 to \$1 million and Liabilities between \$1-10 million. Trustee's motion for joint administration of chapter 7 cases was filed on 12/15/10.

### **Garden Grove Dermatology Center Inc.**

SA-10-19195-ES (Lead of 6 Cases), Chapter 11, Filed 7/06/10. Assets between \$500,00 to \$1 million and Liabilities between \$1- \$10 million. Chapter 11 Status Conference Order entered on 11/23/2010. Status Conference is continued to 2/3/2011 @10:30AM.

### **Children's Museum of Los Angeles**

SV-09-14446-GM, Chapter 7, Filed 4/17/09. Assets between \$10 to \$50 million and Liabilities between \$1-10 million. Order Granting Application to Employ RL Spear Co Inc as auctioneer.

### **The Pasadena Playhouse State Theatre of California, Inc.**

LA10-28586-TD, Chapter 11, Filed 5/10/10. Assets between \$100,001 to \$500,000 and Liabilities between \$1-10 million. Post confirmation status report was filed on 9/23/10.

### **Meruelo Maddux Properties Inc. a DE Corp**

SV09-13356-KT (Lead of 2), Chapter 11, Filed 3/27/09. Assets between \$500 to \$1 Billion and Liabilities between \$100-\$500 million. Complaint filed by Debtor against Oliver, Sadifer & Murphy, P.C. Adv. Case 1:10-ap-01462. Order Granting Application to Employ Stutman Treister & Glatt as Special Reorganization Counsel for the Debtors & Debtors in Possession.

\*Based on a combination of asset and liability levels, number of creditors, high activity, and/or name recognition.