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## COURT PRESENTS STRATEGIC PLAN TO LOCAL BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEYS

Earlier this year, Chief Bankruptcy Judge Peter H. Carroll assembled the Strategic Planning Committee to draft a Strategic Plan for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. In preparing a draft of the plan, the committee solicited comments from judges, lawyers, staff members, and the public.

The Strategic Plan defines the direction of the Court for the next five years. Additionally, the Strategic Plan identifies long-term issues facing the Court and formulates goals and strategies to address each of these issues. With direction from the Court's Executive Committee and assistance from the Clerk of Court and staff, the Court's judicial committees will be responsible for the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Recently, the Strategic Planning Committee was contacted by M. Jonathan Hayes of the Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorney Association (CDCBAA). Mr. Hayes asked the committee to present a draft of the Strategic Plan at CDCBAA's June 22 meeting at the Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California, and the committee agreed. Chief Judge Carroll opened the presentation with an introduction to the Court's Strategic Plan. Clerk of Court Kathleen Campbell provided an overview of the Central District of California, our judges, the economic climate, and shared administrative services. At the close of the introduction and overview, the committee turned to the five main issues that the current draft of the Court's Strategic Plan addresses.

Chief Judge Carroll began the presentation with a discussion of "Issue 1: Administration of Justice." He described the Court's commitment to providing justice effectively and efficiently given the district's changing demands and resources. Judge Tighe and Judge Clarkson discussed "Issue 2: Access to Justice and Service to the Public." They articulated the importance of the Court's ability to ensure that justice remains accessible to everyone it serves, given the cost of legal representation and the ongoing demographic and socioeconomic changes in the district. From the Clerk's Office staff, Benjamin Varela and Tina Sandoval presented "Issue 3: Judiciary Workforce of the Future," concentrating on the Court's need to attract and retain a diverse staff of highly skilled employees. Judge Saltzman focused on "Issue 4: A Solid Infrastructure." She described the plan's emphasis on building a sound infrastructure, in order both to achieve administrative efficiencies and to provide a safe and secure environment that will enhance the public's access to court information and services. Judge Klein addressed "Issue 5: Public Understanding, Trust, and Confidence." She explained the Court's dedication to increasing its community outreach and to providing opportunities for the community to have input into the Court's planning process. At the close of the presentation, Chief Judge Carroll provided final thoughts and facilitated a question and answer session.

Overall, the Court's Strategic Plan was very well received. The committee is currently preparing to present a final draft of the Strategic Plan for approval by the Board of Judges at its next quarterly meeting in September 2013.

## Important Updates

### Court Website:

- Court Manual
- Public Notices



**COURT CLOSED**

**Thursday, July 4—  
Independence Day**



### **Accessing Court Information by Twitter**

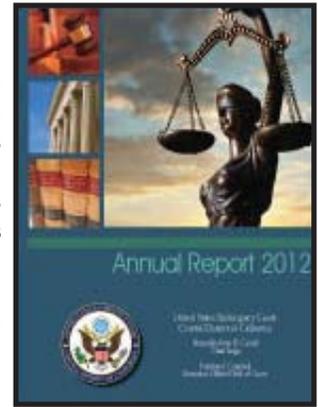
The Court has been posting to its Twitter account for over a year now, and has sent over 1,080 different tweets to more than 480 followers. The Court posts announcements, Notices of Sale, Public Notices, and other timely information.

You do not need a Twitter account to view the Court's tweets—just click on the Twitter logo on the home page of the Court's website ([www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)). The postings are arranged in chronological order, making it easy to quickly catch up with what is going on at the Court. If you have a Twitter account, you can use this free service to follow us @cacbnews.

## **COURT PUBLISHES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Court marks each year with the publication of its Annual Report, which records the year's achievements and challenges. During the first week in June, the Court published its Annual Report for 2012. The report details the Court's ongoing efforts to cut costs, implement new technologies, improve public service, and extend access to justice while processing its massive caseload. This was the fifth consecutive year that the Court has managed the largest bankruptcy caseload of any court in the nation.

For the past three years, the Court has published the Annual Report both in print and in an easy-to-navigate electronic format on the Court's website. Please click [here](#) to view the web version of the 2012 Annual Report.



## **GENERAL ORDER 13-05: REFERENCE OF BANKRUPTCY CASES AND APPEALS**

The District Court for the Central District of California has approved the bankruptcy-related General Order 13-05 that became effective on July 1, 2013. General Order 13-05 is titled *Reference of Cases and Proceedings to the Bankruptcy Judges of the Central District of California, and Reference of Appeals to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel*.

General Order 13-05 addresses, among other things: (1) the referral of bankruptcy cases and proceedings by the District Court to the Bankruptcy Court; (2) the authority of bankruptcy judges to hear, determine, and enter final orders and judgments in "core" and "non-core" proceedings; and (3) the authority of bankruptcy judges to conduct jury trials. General Order 13-05 supersedes prior District Court bankruptcy-related General Orders 266, 266A, 269, and 96-04.

General Order 13-05 is posted on the Court's website ([www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)) at the Rules & Procedures webpage under General Orders.

## **TRANSCRIPT ORDERING PROCESS**

On July 1, a new process for requesting the transcript of a Court hearing became effective. Information about the new process, including a new list of Court-approved transcribers and the revised Transcript Order Form, is available on the Court's website. This information and form can be accessed by selecting *Transcripts* from the pull-down menu under the *Information* tab on the Court's website (<http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov>).

Under the new transcription process, those requesting the transcript of a hearing must select a transcriber from the new list of Court-approved transcribers and submit the Transcript Order Form to the Court. Court staff will no longer provide transcription fee estimates or collect transcription fees on behalf of the transcribers. Instead, the selected transcriber will contact the customer to provide a cost estimate and make arrangements to collect the deposit. Payment will be made directly to the transcriber by credit card or other payment method.

The new transcription process will speed up delivery of transcripts, provide customers with a choice of transcription agencies and payment methods, and reduce labor for Court staff.

## **COURT SELECTED AS HOST FOR UCLA ANN C. ROSENFELD FELLOW**

The Court is pleased to announce that it applied and was selected as one of four organizations, and the only court, to host a Fellow as part of the Ann C. Rosenfield Public Affairs Fellowship Program for 2013-2014. The Rosenfield Fellowship is a high-level apprenticeship program for exceptional public policy, social welfare, and urban planning graduate students at UCLA. The Ann C. Rosenfield Fund provides financial support for the Fellow, who works in the host agency for one year. After a competitive selection process, Julie Pollock, who is enrolled in the Master of Social Welfare program at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs, began work at the Court in June 2013. Over the next twelve months, Ms. Pollock will partner with the Court, the Bar, and community organizations to research and design educational outreach programs and services to address the unique needs and challenges related to seniors and bankruptcy.

## CHAPTER 11 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FORMS

The Board of Judges has added a warning/disclaimer to the Chapter 11 Disclosure Statement and Chapter 11 Plan, as these forms have not been updated since 2004 and do not address changes in the Code. A committee of the Court is working on a revision of these two forms.

## CM/ECF TIPS

### Maintaining Your Account:

This is a reminder that ECF users have the capability to update their CM/ECF profile information by accessing CM/ECF > Utilities > Maintain Your Account. It is important to remember that if you are changing your address, you must file a change of address in each case in which you are a participant.

### Petitions Containing both a Physical and Mailing Address for the Debtor:

When filing petitions containing both a physical and mailing address for the debtor, it is important that the physical address be entered in CM/ECF to properly determine the venue. The Court will ensure that notices are sent out to the debtor's mailing address.

### WEBSITE FEEDBACK

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California continues to enhance its website based on feedback from users. Please let us know your thoughts about what is working well and what could be improved at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov/contact](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov/contact).



Seated, from left: Judge Kwan, Judge Russell, Judge Bason, Judge Saltzman, Judge Klein, Judge Clarkson, Judge Neiter, Judge Tighe, Chief Judge Carroll, Judge Bluebond. Standing: Attorney Elissa Miller.

## LABF ANNUAL JUDGES' NIGHT

On June 3, 11 bankruptcy judges from the Central District gathered at the L.A. Hotel Downtown to take part in the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum's annual Judges' Night dinner program. Chief Judge Peter H. Carroll and Judges Barry Russell, Sheri Bluebond, Maureen A. Tighe, Richard M. Neiter, Robert Kwan, Catherine E. Bauer, Deborah J. Saltzman, Scott C. Clarkson, Sandra R. Klein, and Neil W. Bason each chose a case to discuss. The judges discussed the following cases: Judge Bason—*In re 4th St. East Investors, Inc.*; Judge Bauer—*In re Abdelgadir*; Judge Kwan—*In re Arnold*; Judge Clarkson—*In re Bellingham Ins. Agency, Inc.*; Judge Saltzman—*Bullock v. Bankchampaign, N.A.*; Judge Bluebond—*In re Castillo*; Judge Klein—*In re Davis*; Judge Neiter—*In re Florica*; Judge Tighe—*In re Hileman*; Judge Russell —*In re Loop 76 LLC*; and Chief Judge Carroll—*In re Marciano*.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT CELEBRATES LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING PRIDE MONTH

In a first for the Central District, the U.S. Attorney's Office coordinated a LGBTQ (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Questioning) Pride Month celebration event on June 20, in Judge O'Connell's courtroom at 312 N. Spring Street in Los Angeles. Bankruptcy Judge Maureen A. Tighe and District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald, two of the first openly LGBT judges in the district, addressed the overflow audience.

The program title, "It Gets Better," was taken from a recent effort to create a positive outlook for LGBTQ teens, who as a group, suffer from a high incidence of suicide in the face of bullying, exclusion, and other difficulties. Judge Tighe and Judge Fitzgerald expanded the "It Gets Better" message to include the greater LGBTQ community as the judges took a look over the last four decades and highlighted some of the milestones that have been achieved.

## SECOND ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK BENEFITS DEBTOR ASSISTANCE PROJECT

On Saturday, April 27, the Second Annual Leslie Cohen Law 5K Run/Walk took place in Santa Monica, California to benefit Public Counsel's Debtor Assistance Project (DAP). This year's 5K raised \$7,500 for the pro bono legal assistance program. Among the 300 runners and walkers who came out to support DAP on this beautiful day were prominent members of the bankruptcy community, including Judge Maureen A. Tighe, Judge Sandra R. Klein, and Chapter 13 Trustee Kathy Dockery. Ms. Dockery's team, "Dockery's Dashers," was one of the largest, and took home one of the team awards.

The event began early Saturday morning at Reed Emerson Park with coffee, bagels, and upbeat music. The 300 participants ran, jogged, and walked along the scenic course from the corner of Ocean and San Vicente through a lovely residential neighborhood in Santa Monica. The participants had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's 5K.

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

### Allied Industrial Inc.

SV-13-11948-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 03/21/13, Assets \$13 million and Liabilities \$7 million. 2 Motions for Relief from the Auto. Stay filed 5/6/13. Order granting Application to Employ DCDM Law Group, PC as BK Counsel, filed on 5/30/13. Order Setting Proof of Claim bar date and for Debtor to file Proposed Ch. 11 Plan & Disclosure Statement by 7/31/13, Govm't Claim bar date is 11/27/13.

### American Suzuki Motor Corp.

SA-12-22808-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 11/05/12, Assets \$100-\$500 million and Liabilities \$100-\$500 million. Hearings set on First and Final Application for 6/20/13 at 1:30 PM; Evidentiary hearing on attorney fees and cost for 7/25/13 at 1:30 PM; Order Granting PE Creditor Trust's first objection to late filed claims and objection to the settling Auto Dealer Liquidated calm hearing set for 6/20/13 and Vacated filed 6/4/13; Responses to Application for Compensation first and final filed 6/6/13.

### A & S Booksellers, Inc.

SV-12-10392-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 01/13/12, Assets \$0.01- 0.05 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$10 million. Order Granting Application to Employ Han Fife & Co., filed on 4/29/13. Order Approving Stipulation between Ch. 7 Trustee, Debtor's Conusel and Counsel for Creditors Committee Re: Fee Applications, filed 6/14/13.

### AWTR Liquidation Inc. fka Rhythm and Hues, Inc.

LA-13-13775-NB, Chapter 11, Filed 02/13/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Hearing was set on June 4, 2013 re objection of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to request by JS Communications Co., Ltd for payment of a breakup fee in connection with the sale of substantially all of the debtor's assets.

### Bethal Healthcare Inc.

SV-13-12220-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 04/01/13, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Schedules filed on 5/15/13. Order granting to employ - Venable filed 5/21/13; Lawrence R. Perkins as Chief Restructuring Officer; Arent Fox LLP as General BK & Restructuring Counsel for Official Committee of Unsec. Creditors filed 6/11/13. Order Granting the appointment of a Patient Care Ombudsman filed 6/11/13.

### Beverly Hills Antiques, Inc. c/o D. K. Gottlieb

SV-12-21028-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 12/26/12, Assets and Liabilities unknown. No updates.

### City of San Bernardino

RS-12-28006-MJ, Chapter 9, Filed 08/01/12. Assets and Liabilities \$1,000 + and Liabilities \$1,000 +. Status conference on the eligibility of the chapter 9 voluntary petition continued to 7/17/13. City of San Bernardino will file Summary Judgment motion by 7/5/13. Interim hearing on Summary Judgment motion set for 7/17/13. Oppositions to Summary Judgement motion due 8/2/13. Replies due 8/16/13. Hearing on Summary Judgment scheduled for 8/28/13.

### CLK Human Resources, LLC

RS-13-19002-MW, Chapter 11, Filed 05/21/13. Assets \$0.01- 0.05 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$10 million. 341 Meeting of creditors set for 7/3/13, 2:30 pm. Chapter 11 Status Conference set for 7/11/13. Application to Employ Friedman Law Group, P.C. for Debtor in Possession filed 6/13/13.

### Figuroa Tower I LP, Figuroa Tower II, LP, Figuroa Tower III, LP (jointly administered)

SV11-18760-GM; SV11-18761-GM; SV11-17862-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 07/14/11, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Order Granting Motion To Dismiss Debtor's Ch. 11 Cases, filed 5/10/13.

### Gamma Medica-Ideas (USA), Inc.

SV-12-17469-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 08/20/2012. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Order Granting Application to Employ Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill LLP as Special Counsel to Ch. 11 Trustee, filed 5/16/13. Order Granting Motion of Debtors and Debtors in Possession to Honor Pre-Petition Warranty Obligations to Customers, filed 5/28/13. Order setting Application of Ch. 11 Trustee to Employ Sherwood Partners, LLC as Financial Consultant for Hearing, filed on 6/10/13.

### Halsey M. Minor

LA-13-23787-TD, Chapter 7, Filed 05/24/13, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Chapter 7 statement of current monthly income and means-test calculation was filed on 6/18/13.

### Hamlet Group Inc.

SV-13-12398-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 04/05/2013, Assets \$500,001-\$1 million and Liabilities \$1-\$10 million. Schedules filed on 5/8/13. Order granting Motion to consolidate lead case with affiliate cases filed on 6/13/13. Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay filed 6/13/13.

### Internet Specialties West, Inc. a CA Corp.

SV-12-20897-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 12/18/12, Assets \$13 million and Liabilities \$5 million. Order Granting Application to Employ BSW & Assoc. Nunc Pro Tunc as Restructuring Consultant, filed 5/30/13. Transcript regarding hearing held 2/12/13 was filed on 6/4/13. Order Granting Motion to Extend Debtor's exclusivity period for obtaining acceptances of a Plan of Reorganization, filed on 6/21/13

### Nesbitt Portland Property, LLC; Nesbitt Bellevue Property, LLC; Nesbitt El Paso Property, LP; Nesbitt Denver Property, LLC; Nesbitt Lynnwood Property, LLC; Nesbitt Colorado Springs Property, LLC; Nesbitt Livonia Property, LLC; Nesbitt Blue Ash Property, LLC

ND-12-12883-RR; ND-12-12884-RR; ND-12-12888-RR; ND-12-12889-RR; ND-12-12890-RR; ND-12-12891-RR; ND-12-12894-RR; ND-12-12895-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 07/31/12, Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$100-500 million. No updates.

### Point Center Financial Inc.

SA-13--11495-TA, Chapter 11, Filed 1/19/2013, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Order Granting Application By Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Employ Marshack Hays LLP as General Counsel filed 6/5/13; Order Approving, In Part, Debtor's Emergency Motion for Order Approving filed 6/6/13; Order after Chapter 11 Status Conference: Deadline for filing Plan and Disclosure Statement: 12/1/2013; Order after Chapter 11 Status Conference: Deadline for filing Plan and Disclosure Statement 12/1/13 Claims bar date: 60 days after dispatch of notice filed 6/10/13. Order on Motion re. Chapter 11 First Day Motions.

### Raymond P. Boucher

SV-12-10052-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 01/03/12, Assets \$5.26 million and Liabilities \$5.51 million.No updates.

### Taicom Securities Co., Ltd

SA-12-20383-CB, Chapter 15, Filed 08/31/12, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Status hearing was continued to 9/18/13 at 11:00 a.m.

### The Grande Holdings Limited

LA-11-41459-BB, Chapter 15, Filed 7/22/11, Assets between Over \$100,000 and Liabilities over \$100. Hearing re Scheduling and Case Management Conference in a chapter 15 case was continued to 8/21/13 @ 10:00 a.m.

### The Village at Nipomo, LLC

SV-13-13593-AA, Chapter 11, Filed 05/28/13, Assets \$12 million and Liabilities \$10 million. 341(a) Mtg to be held on 7/9/13 @ 9:00 AM. Schedules filed on 6/11/13.

### West Covina Motors, Inc.

LA-12-52197-ER, Chapter 11, Filed 12/28/12, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Order entered on 6/21/13 continuing hearing on Chrysler Group, LLC's motion for relief from the automatic stay to terminate executory contract under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d) to 7/1/13.

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