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## Bankruptcy Judge Deborah J. Saltzman Sworn In



Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo and Judge Deborah J. Saltzman

On March 18, 2010, Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo administered the oath of office to Judge Deborah J. Saltzman. Approximately 20 guests attended the swearing-in including Judge Thomas B. Donovan, Judge Saltzman's brother, and friends.

Afterwards, Judge Saltzman swore in her two law clerks, Ms. Jeannie Kim and Mr. Brett H. Ramsaur. Judge Saltzman began receiving new cases as of March 29, 2010.

Judge Saltzman joins the Court after practicing bankruptcy law for 12 years. Prior to her appointment, Judge Saltzman was an associate with the DLA Piper law firm based in Los Angeles. She also practiced at Hennigan Bennett and Dorman from 2006 to 2008, at O'Melveny and Myers, LLP from 2001 to 2005 and from 1996 to 2000; and at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff and Stern, LLP from 2000 to 2001.

A formal induction ceremony will be held in the near future.



From left to right: Jeannie Kim, Judge Deborah J. Saltzman, and Brett H. Ramsaur

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## 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. The selected candidates will maintain chambers in Los Angeles. The positions are anticipated to be available in January and February 2011.

The application may also be downloaded from the Circuit website at [www.ce9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov) or on the Court's website, [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), under Careers > Los Angeles Division. The Ninth Circuit's deadline for receipt of all materials is Thursday, June 17, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

## HHS Extends Poverty Guidelines

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has tentatively extended the 2009 Poverty Guidelines for a second time this year to May 31, 2010. Fee waivers are determined by the guidelines and the extension will allow the eligibility requirements to remain unchanged. As soon as information is made available, an update will be provided for the post-May 31st period.

Please visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09extension.shtml> for more details.

## Reassignment of Riverside Division Bankruptcy Cases & Adversary Proceedings

### Judge Catherine E. Bauer

As of March 8, 2010, all pending bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings assigned to Judge Sheri Bluebond and Judge Samuel L. Bufford in the Riverside Division were reassigned to Judge Catherine E. Bauer, with a few exceptions. The initials "CB" will now follow the case or adversary proceeding number of the reassigned matters. Additionally, hearings for cases assigned to Judge Bauer are now heard in Courtroom 303 at the Riverside Division.

The bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings retained by Judge Bluebond and Judge Bufford were transferred to the Los Angeles Division and assigned new Los Angeles Division numbers.

Please refer to Public Notice 10-003 for complete details.

### Judge Deborah J. Saltzman

Effective on March 29, 2010, in the Riverside Division, all pending bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings assigned to Judge Richard M. Neiter were reassigned to Judge Deborah J. Saltzman.

Judge Neiter retained some bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings; they were transferred to the Los Angeles division and assigned new Los Angeles Division numbers. For the cases and adversary proceedings reassigned to Judge Saltzman, the judge initials "DS" follow the case or proceeding numbers and hearings are now heard in Courtroom 302 at the Riverside Division.

For the list of bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings retained by Judge Neiter please refer to Public Notice 10-005.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Justice 2010

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Run for Justice" was held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in conjunction with the 2010 Los Angeles Marathon at Dodger Stadium. More than 400 individuals participated in this year's event, along with 36 law firms, corporations, government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Judge Maureen Tighe, along with several Chambers and Court employees, formed the U.S. Bankruptcy Court team in support of the Public Counsel. The event raised approximately \$70,000 for Public Counsel.



# Adjustments to Dollar Amounts in Bankruptcy Code & Official Forms

Amendments to dollar amounts in Official Bankruptcy forms became effective April 1, 2010, with the approval from the Judicial Conference. Adjustments were made to the dollar amounts stated in various provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and one provision in Title 28 of the United States Code. The adjustments reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the three-year period ending December 1, 2009, and rounded to the nearest \$25.00, as published by the United States Department of Labor.

The adjustments to the dollar amounts affected not only several Official Bankruptcy forms, but various other areas such as eligibility of debtors filing under chapter 12 and 13, certain maximum values of property that a debtor may claim as exempt, the calculation of the "means test" for chapter 7 debtors, to list a few. For complete details of changes made by the amended dollar amounts, please refer to Public Notice 10-004.

## Removal from Courtesy Notice of Electronic Filing

Registered CM/ECF users can now request to be removed from receiving the Courtesy Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF). The Court form titled *Request for Courtesy Notification of Electronic Filing (NEF)* is modified to include a new check-box option to request the removal. Instructions and the form are available on the Court's website under Forms/Rules/General Orders > Court Forms.

With the removal, the courtesy notification of court orders and all other pleadings entered on the docket will no longer be sent electronically. All requests must be submitted electronically with the Court. For more details see Public Notice 10-006.

## Local Bankruptcy Rules Forms Revised

Effective immediately, the following Local Bankruptcy Rules forms have been revised:

- F 2090-1.2 APPLICATION - *Application of Non-Resident Attorney to Appear in a Specific Case [LBR 2090-1(b)]*
- F 3015-1.1 ADDENDUM - *Addendum to Chapter 13 Plan*

For more information explaining the revisions please refer to Public Notice 10-007. The Local Bankruptcy Rules forms are available at the Court website, [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov) under Forms/Rules/General Orders.

## Filing Statistics

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

January - April 2010\* to January - April 2009

**45% ↑**

2010: 34,176  
2009: 23,502

Chapter 7

**- 5% ↓**

2010: 395  
2009: 417

Chapter 11

**42% ↑**

2010: 9,256  
2009: 6,503

Chapter 13

**44% ↑**

2010: 43,827  
2009: 30,422

Total

### National - Percent Increase in Filings

12 Mo. Period Ending December 31, 2009 to Same Period Ending December 31, 2008

**41% ↑**

2009: 1,050,832  
2008: 744,424

Chapter 7

**49% ↑**

2009: 15,189  
2008: 10,160

Chapter 11

**12% ↑**

2009: 406,962  
2008: 362,762

Chapter 13

**32% ↑**

2009: 1,473,675  
2008: 1,117,771

Total

\*Based on estimated filing data for April 2010.

## CM/ECF Tips

[Electronic Filing Declaration/](#)  
[Electronic Filing Declaration of](#)  
[Authorized Signatory of Debtor:](#)

An Electronic Filing Declaration must be submitted with every petition filed electronically. The Declaration requires a holographic (physical) signature of the debtor and the attorney.

Any subsequently filed amended petitions, schedules, statements or plans must either be filed electronically with the holographic signature of the debtor(s) or accompanied by an Electronic Filing Declaration or Electronic Filing Declaration of Authorized Signatory with holographic signatures of the debtor or the debtor's representatives.

Electronically filed petitions and/or subsequently filed documents are considered deficient and a Case Commencement Deficiency Notice (CCDN) is issued if the Electronic Filing declaration and the physical signatures are missing.

## Save the Date

[Earle Hagen](#)  
[Golf Tournament](#)

The 2nd Annual Earle Hagen Golf Tournament sponsored by Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorney Association (CDCBAA) and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum will be held on June 11, 2010 at the California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601. Sponsorship and registration is still available, please visit [www.ehmgmt.com](http://www.ehmgmt.com) for complete details.



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

### **Bandier 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 Authorizing Rejection of Unexpired Lease of Nonresidential Real Property signed on 4/8/10.

### **The Walking Company**

ND-09-15138-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 12/7/09. Assets over \$100 million and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order Confirming Debtors Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan signed on 4/26/10.

### **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. Hearing Re: Motion to approve expense reimbursement deposit with MidCap Financial LLC set for 4/14/10. Order approving expense reimbursement deposit signed on 4/14/10.

### **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. Order Granting recognition of foreign main proceeding signed on 3/11/10.

### **Lenny Kyle Dykstra**

SV-09-18409-GM, Chapter 7, Filed 7/7/09. Assets between \$0-50,000 and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order granting Trustee's Motion for extension of time to file complaint objecting to discharge signed on 3/22/10. Order Denying Motion to Dismiss Case signed on 4/23/10.

### **PPA Holdings, LLC**

SA-09-16353-ES (LEAD of 22), Chapter 11, Filed 6/26/2009. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Motions to Convert several Jointly Administered Cases from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 are set for hearing on 6/2/10.

### **Z Gallerie**

LA-09-18400-VZ, Chapter 11, Filed 4/10/2009. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order granting stipulation to disallow claim no. 195 signed on 4/7/10. Stipulation by Post-Effective Date Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Z Gallerie and The Corritore Company Reducing claim no. 29.

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

SV-09-13964-GM, SV-09-13965-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 4/7/2009. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Case 1:09-bk-13964-GM - Confirmation Hearing Re: Disclosure Statement continued to 6/22/10. Case 1:09-bk-13965-GM - Monthly Operating Report filed on 3/25/10.

### **Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.**

RS-09-14254-MJ (LEAD of 43), Chapter 11, Filed 3/10/2009. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Hearing on approval of chapter 11 disclosure statement set for 4/14/10. Status conferences set for 6/10/10.

### **Bethany Holdings Austin Apartments, LLC**

SA-09-11873-RK (LEAD of 15), Chapter 11, Filed 3/4/2009. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Notice of last date to file Proofs of Claim filed 3/1/10. Last date to file set for 4/27/10.

### **Right Start Acquisition Company**

SV-09-11132-MT (LEAD of 2), Chapter 11, Filed 2/3/2009. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order Granting Application of Non-Resident Attorney to Appear signed on 4/8/10. Show Cause Hearing Continued to be held on 6/7/10.

### **StarRibs North, LP**

SA-08-17182-TA (LEAD of 15), Chapter 11, Filed 11/6/2008. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order approving Disclosure Statement and setting hearing on Confirmation of Plan entered on 3/24/10. Confirmation hearing to be held on 4/21/10.

### **Palmdale Hills Property, LLC**

SA-08-17206-ES (LEAD of 25), Chapter 11, Filed 11/6/2008. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Hearing Re: Order Granting Stipulation Rescheduling Hearing on Approval of Disclosure Statement for Joint Chapter 11 Plan Proposed by the Lehman Lenders continued to 4/26/10.

### **Karykeion Inc.**

SV-08-17254-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 9/22/2008. Assets and Liabilities at \$1-100 million. Transmittal form from BAP of assignment of appeal CV-10-1685-PA. filed 3/10/10. Hearing re: Motion for Reconsideration and Stay of Order set for 5/12/10. Hearing re: Motion to Use Cash Collateral set for 5/17/10.

### **Century City Doctors Hospital, LLC**

LA-08-23318-SB, Chapter 7, Filed 8/22/2008. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Hearing re: Motion for Relief from Stay - Action in Non-Bankruptcy Forum set for 5/11/10. Motion Hearing Continued Re: Motion to Sell Property Free and Clear of Liens set for 5/11/10.

### **Woodside Group, LLC**

RS-08-20682-PC (LEAD of 188), Chapter 11, Filed 8/20/2008. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Hearings on Debtor's omnibus objections to claims set for 5/10/10.

### **IndyMac Bancorp, Inc.**

LA-08-21752-BB, Chapter 7, Filed 07/31/2008. Assets between \$1-100 million and Liabilities over \$100 million. Order approving stipulation for continuance of deadlines re: sale of FF&E and reservation of rights signed on 4/8/10. Order Granting Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay Real Property signed on 4/27/10.

### **Estate Financial Mortgage Fund, LLC**

ND-08-11535-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 07/01/2008. Assets over \$100 million and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Notice of Intent to Request Redaction Deadline due by 4/29/10. Redaction Request due by 5/13/10. Redacted Transcript Submission due by 5/24/10.

### **Fremont General Corporation**

SA-08-13421-ES, Chapter 11, Filed 6/18/2008. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Confirmation Hearings commenced on 3/12/10 and continued on 3/19/10, 4/2/10, and 4/9/10.

### **eStyle, Inc.**

LA-08-13518-SB, Chapter 11, Filed 3/19/2008. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Ex Parte motion to remove counsel from CM/ECF service list and request for discontinuation of special notice filed on 3/24/10.

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