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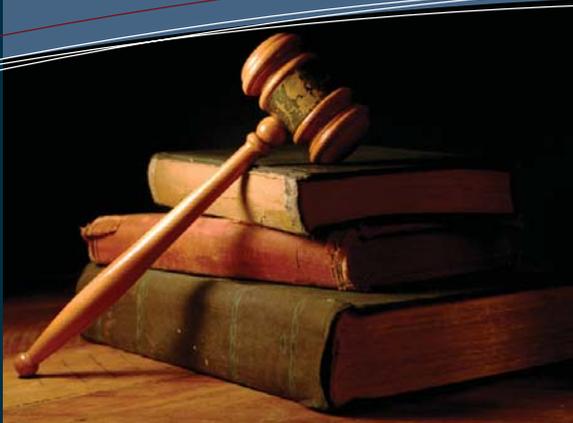
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Chapter 13 Committee Holds Brown Bag Program in Los Angeles

On October 29, 2010, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court sponsored a brown bag session on Chapter 13 practices. Serving as panelists were Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo, Judge Alan Ahart, Judge Meredith A. Jury, Judge Victoria S. Kaufman, and Judge Catherine E. Bauer, with Judge Robert Kwan serving as moderator. The session was held to discuss how to make Chapter 13 court procedures more efficient.



Left to Right: Judge Alan Ahart, Judge Victoria S. Kaufman, Judge Catherine E. Bauer, Judge Robert Kwan, Judge Meredith Jury, Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo

The judges fielded questions and comments from attorneys, trustees, and other legal professionals. Topics discussed included Chapter 13 Rights and Responsibilities Agreement between Chapter 13 debtors and their attorneys (RARA), increasing fees allowed under the RARA, and scope of appearance. A tiered fee approach for the RARA was also suggested where more experienced attorneys would be eligible for a higher rate. The judges also answered questions about new LBR forms, expediting confirmation of Chapter 13 Plans, and modifying time computations.



The Brown Bag session concluded with the judges saying they will continue their tradition to offer similar events in the future.

New Security Features Implemented for Certified Documents

On September 20, 2010, the Court implemented new security features for certified documents. Certified documents now have a watermarked certification sheet with a staple placed through the embossed gold seal at the top left-hand corner and the Court's seal embossed over the clerk's signature. The previous practice of using a red ribbon and grommet has been discontinued. Parties wanting to verify the authenticity of a document can do so via PACER. PACER is available for a fee to registered users and at no cost at any of the Court's divisions.

For additional information regarding certified documents, or to view a sample of the new security features, please refer to Public Notice 10-016.

For more information,
visit our web site at www.cacb.uscourts.gov.

Save the Dates

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.

Judges' Retirement Reception

Judge Mund's, Judge Bufford's, and Judge Thompson's Reception
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Skirball Cultural Center Los Angeles, CA
R.S.V.P. at labankruptcyforum.org by November 8, 2010

Court Closed

Thursday, November 11, 2010
Veterans Day

Thursday, November 25, 2010
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 26, 2010
State of California Holiday

Friday, December 24, 2010
Christmas Holiday Observed

Friday, December 31, 2010
New Year's Holiday Observed

Emergency Matters Only

Thursday, December 23, 2010
Thursday, December 30, 2010

Changes in Official Bankruptcy Forms

In September, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved the following amendments to Official Bankruptcy Forms with changes effective December 1, 2010.

- Official Forms 9A, 9C, and 9I - Notice of Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines. Amended to conform to Bankruptcy Rules 4004 and 7001.
- Official Forms 20A and 20B - Notice of Motion or Objection and Notice of Objection to Claim. Amended to list all names used by debtor in the last eight years from six years.
- Official Forms 22A, 22B, and 22C - Statement of Current Monthly Income. Amended to deleted references to "household" and "household size" and replace with "number of persons" or "family size."
- Official Form 23 - Debtor's Certification of Completion of Instructional Course Concerning Financial Management. Amended to conform to Bankruptcy Rules 1007(c).



For more information on these changes or to view the forms, please visit the U.S. Court's website at www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees.

Seventeenth Annual Survey of Consumer Bankruptcy Law

On October 2, 2010, the Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum hosted the Seventeenth Annual Consumer Law Seminar. Judge Meredith Jury, Judge Catherine E. Bauer, and Judge Deborah Saltzman served as panelists, while Wayne Johnson, Esq. from the Law Office of Wayne Johnson, APC, served as moderator. The panel discussed a variety of recent cases affecting consumer bankruptcy practice, focusing on decisions from the Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit the Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum online at www.inlandempirebankruptcyforum.org.

Los Angeles Bankruptcy Self-Help Desk Celebrates One Year Anniversary

On August 17, 2010, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Self-Help Desk celebrated its one-year anniversary. The Self-Help Desk, which is funded in part by the Attorney Admissions Fund, provides information on Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy, access to bankruptcy reference materials, and referrals for legal assistance. Over the past year, *pro bono* volunteers have provided much needed assistance to over a thousand pro se filers.

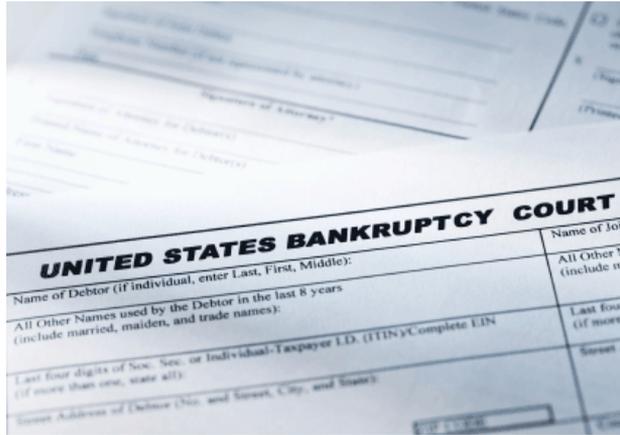
The Self-Help Desk is located in the Federal Building at 300 N. Los Angeles Street and is open to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Attorneys and paralegals interested in volunteering at the Self-Help Desk should visit the Public Counsel Law Center's website at www.publiccounsel.org under volunteer.



Changes to Local Bankruptcy Rules Forms Approved

The Board of Judges for the Central District of California approved 23 new and revised LBR forms that became effective in the month of October. This includes new and modified forms for motions and complaints to avoid junior liens on principal residences [11 U.S.C. § 506(d)], forms for converting Chapter 13 and Chapter 12 cases to Chapter 7, and nine forms that were revised to implement FRBP 9006(f), which allows an additional 3 days to act or proceed unless service is completed by personal service or posting as described in F.R.Civ.P. 5(b)(2)(A)-(B).



A number of LBR form numbers were also changed. The new and revised forms are available on the Court's website at www.cacb.uscourts.gov under Forms/Rules/General Orders and are highlighted with either "New" or "Revised."

For a complete list of new or modified LBR forms, please see Public Notices 10-020, 10-021, and 10-023.

CM/ECF Tips

Change a Firm Name or Address in CM/ECF

It is important the Court has your current email addresses on file. Failing to keep your contact information up-to-date may prevent you from receiving the proper electronic notification of case activity.

To update or add an email address to your profile, please submit an email request to the ECF Support Desk at ecf_support@cacb.uscourts.gov.

To change the street address, please file a **Notice of Attorney Change of Address or Law Firm** form for each case. This form can be filed on multiple cases by enclosing an additional sheet listing up to 10 cases for the same divisional office. Once you have filed the notice, please send an email to the ECF Support Desk to advise the Court of the address change.

Filing Statistics

Central District of California - Percent Increase in Filings January - October 2010* to January - October 2009

35.4% ↑	2.4% ↑	37.2% ↑	35.5% ↑
2010: 92,714 2009: 68,451	2010: 968 2009: 945	2010: 26,630 2009: 19,408	2010: 120,312 2009: 88,804
Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	Total

National - Percent Increase in Filings

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

34% ↑	29% ↑	12% ↑	27% ↑
2010: 1,133,320 2009: 907,603	2010: 14,272 2009: 13,951	2010: 424,242 2009: 384,187	2010: 1,572,597 2009: 1,306,315
Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	Total

*Based on estimated filing data for October 2010.

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

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. Corporate resolution authorizing filing of petitions Filed by Debtor AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, Inc.

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. Motion to Extend Exclusivity Period for Filing a Chapter 11 Plan and Disclosure Statement 9/16/2010.

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. Debtor's exclusive period to file a plan of reorganization is extended through & including 11/2/10.

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. Application of chapter 7 trustee for authority to employ LC. Financial as Collection Representative was filed on 9/24/10.

The Walking Company

ND-09-15138-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 12/7/09. Assets over \$100 million and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Status conference continued to 11/29/10. Hearing re: objection to claims continued to 11/2/10.

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. Stipulation between debtor and IV League Pharmacy, Inc. regarding settlement and allowance of claim was filed on 10/14/10.

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. Status hearing re: Petition Foreign Proceeding (Chapter 15) set for 10/25/10.

Lenny Kyle Dykstra

SV-09-18409-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 7/7/09. Assets between \$0-50,000 and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Complaint filed by Lenny Kyle Dykstra against Constant Aviation Classic Interiors and Crystal Air Aviation. Adversary case 1:10-ap-01442.

PPA Holdings, LLC

SA-09-16353-ES (LEAD of 22), Chapter 11, Filed 6/26/2009. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Hearing set for 12/2/2010 re. Motion for Reconsideration of Court's order date September 13, 2010 converting the case to Chapter 7.

Z Gallerie

LA-09-18400-VZ, Chapter 11, Filed 4/10/2009. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Order granting motion by the reorganized debtor for entry of final decree closing chapter 11 case and for 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 4/7/2009. Assets and Liabilities between \$1-100 million. Amended Order Approving Stipulation Between Debtors & Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Re: Payment of Debtor-In-Possession Financing & Outstanding Administrative Expense Priority Claims entered 10/12/10.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.

RS-09-14254-MJ (LEAD of 43), Chapter 11, Filed 3/10/2009. Assets and Liabilities over \$100 million. Hearings on nine applications for fees set for 11/10/10.

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. Order Granting Motion for extending the deadline to file claim objection and including 10/26/10.

Crystal Cathedral Ministries, a California non-profit corporation

SA-10-24771-RK, Chapter 11, Filed 10/18/2010. Assets and Liabilities \$50-\$100 million. Schedules/Statements due 11/1/2010. Meeting of Creditors to be set.

Toni Braxton

LA-10-51909-BR, Chapter 7, Filed 9/30/2010. Assets between \$1-10 million and Liabilities between \$10-50 million. Schedules/Statements due 10/14/2010. Meeting of Creditors scheduled 11/2/10.

Liberty Entertainment, Inc.

LA-10-51881-ER, Chapter 7, Filed 8/30/2010. Assets between \$500,000 to \$1 million and Liabilities between \$1-10 million. Motion and Debtor's Motion for an Order Extending Time to Complete Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs Filed.

Garden Grove Dermatology Center Inc.

SA-10-19195-ES (Lead of 6 Cases), Chapter 11, Filed 7/06/2010. Assets between \$500,00 to \$1 million and Liabilities between \$1- \$10 million. Notice of Deadline for Filing Proof of Claims filed 9/22/2010. Deadline set for 1/3/2011.

Children's Museum of Los Angeles

SV-09-14446-GM, Chapter 7, Filed 4/17/2009. Assets between \$10 to \$50 million and Liabilities between \$1-10 million. Declaration filed Regarding Non-Opposition to the Application of Chapter 7 Trustee to Employ R.L. Spear Co., Inc. as Auctioneer.

The Pasadena Playhouse State Theatre of California, Inc.

LA10-28586-TD, Chapter 11, Filed 5/10/2010. Assets between \$100,001 to \$500,000 and Liabilities between \$1-10 million. Post-Confirmation Status Report Filed by Debtor The Pasadena Playhouse State Theatre of California, Inc.

Meruelo Maddux Properties Inc. a DE Corp

SV09-13356-KT (Lead of 2), Chapter 11, Filed 3/27/2009. Assets between \$500 to \$1 Billion and Liabilities between \$100-\$500 million. Modified Ch. 11 Plan Filed 10/20/10; Amended Disclosure Statement Filed 10/14/10; Notices of Appeal filed 10/02/10 & 10/18/10.

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