



# COURT NEWS

Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo

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**December 7, 2007:**  
Judge Eritha A. Smith of the Santa Ana division takes the judges' oath from Chief Judge Zurzolo, as part of her recent reappointment.



**December 7, 2007:**  
Judge Mitchel R. Goldberg speaks fondly of his tenure on the bankruptcy bench.

## HAVE YOU LOU'D YET?

After a successful pilot phase, the Court's electronic upload program, LOU, was released district-wide on November 19, 2007. Since the district-wide rollout of the Lodged Order Upload (LOU) program, approximately 850 orders have been electronically lodged. Each of the 21 judges in the Central District has received at least several orders uploaded through LOU, by 228 different attorneys.

LOU enables attorneys to electronically lodge orders in Microsoft Word format. Although it is a separate program from ECF, it is incorporated into the CM menu, making it easy for attorneys to find and select it. CIAO! converts the order to a PDF upon entry to the docket, thus saving time for staff, as scanning the order is not necessary. All electronically uploaded orders will also generate either an electronic or manual notice from the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) upon entry in the Court's Case Management (CM) system.

## SELF-HELP DESK NOW OPEN EVERY MONDAY!

The San Fernando Valley Self-Help Desk provides *pro se* debtors with access to bankruptcy information, forms, and counsel. Debtors and creditors, regardless of filing division, income, or chapter are welcome to use these services. The help desk is now open every Monday (except official holidays) from 1-3 pm.



In addition, the Clerk's Office is offering bankruptcy seminars at noon on the first Thursday of each Month, also at the San Fernando Valley Courthouse. In each seminar, a volunteer from the bar will talk about bankruptcy filing requirements and other useful information.

## COURT CLOSURES

Monday, January 21, 2007  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 18, 2007  
Presidents' Day

All Federal Holidays are listed in  
Public Notice 08-01

## CM/ECF TIPS!

### ***On-line Manual***

Did you know that step-by-step ECF filing procedures are available on-line? A hyperlink for the Online Manual will appear in the CM/ECF menu once you have logged into the system. We recommend you right-click on the hyperlink to open it in another window. That way, the ECF RoboHelp program will be automatically launched and you can search by keyword while still working on your petition, etc. in the other window!

### ***Avoid Duplicate Filings***

If the "receipt" (Notice of Electronic Filing) does not display immediately after the transaction has been submitted, always verify the filing in CM/ECF before re-filing the document. This rule also applies if the Pay.gov screen does not properly display to prompt for the payment of filing fees.

### ***Upload the Creditor Matrix and Run the Judge/Trustee Assignment***

Always upload the Creditor Matrix and run the Judge/Trustee Assignment immediately after the petition has been filed.

### ***Debtor(s) Address***

To ensure the proper venue is assigned when the petition reflects both a physical and mailing address for the debtor(s), the physical address must be entered in the CM/ECF system.

## COMING SOON: INTERNET ACCESS IN COURT!

The Central District of California is implementing a WiFi network so that attorneys can be connected while in Court. Stay tuned for details about how to access WiFi in the Courtrooms.



## NEW AND REVISED FORMS

Several Official Bankruptcy forms were added or revised in December, as announced in Public Notices 07-015, 07-017, 07-018, and 07-019. Effective immediately, please use the revised forms 1, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 16A, 18, 19, 21, 22A, 22B, 22C, 23, 24, as well as the revised local bankruptcy rules forms 240B, F 1010-1, F 4008-1.3, and F 4008-1.4, and the new form F 5010-1.1 M (Debtor's Motion to Reopen Case and For Extension of Time to File Debtor's Certification of Completion of Postpetition Instructional Course Concerning Personal Financial Management)



With respect to amended Official Bankruptcy Form 1 (the Voluntary Petition), the boxes on page 1 are revised to specifically require the redaction of both social security and individual taxpayer identification numbers for individual debtors, consistent with new Bankruptcy Rule 9037. CM/ECF filers may need to upgrade their petition preparation software and/or templates in order to file the revised Voluntary Petition. Additional information regarding the revised form can be found on the Judiciary's web site at [www.uscourts.gov/bankform/index.html](http://www.uscourts.gov/bankform/index.html).

The new and revised forms are available on the Court's Web site: [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), under *Forms/Rules/General Orders*. They will also be available in printed format at the copy services at each division and at Intake in the Northern Division.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The Judicial Conference's Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure has issued a request for comments on the proposed amendment to Bankruptcy Rule 8002. Bankruptcy Rule 8002 is proposed to be amended to change from 10 days to 14 days as the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from a judgment, order or decree in a bankruptcy case. The proposed revision conforms to the time computation principles, which set deadlines of fewer than 30 days as multiples of seven days.



The Advisory Committee would be grateful to have the benefit of your views in determining whether the proposed 14-day deadline is appropriate and suitable to the needs of current practice, and whether consideration should be given to the question of further extending the deadline in the future to make it consistent with the 30-day general civil appellate deadline imposed by Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 4(a)(1). Comments should be submitted by February 15, 2008, to: [rules\\_comments@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:rules_comments@ao.uscourts.gov).

## FILING STATISTICS

	2007 Estimate Jan-Dec	2006 Actual Jan-Dec	Percent Change
<b>Central District of California</b>			
Chapter 7	25,574	14,278	79.1%
Chapter 11	342	241	41.9%
Chapter 13	8,017	3,326	141.0%
Total*	33,933	17,845	90.2%

	12 Month Period Ending 9/30/07	12 Month Period Ending 9/30/06	Percent Change
<b>Nationally</b>			
Chapter 7	484,162	833,147	-41.9%
Chapter 11	5,888	6,003	-1.9%
Chapter 13	310,802	272,937	13.9%
Total*	800,852	1,112,087	-28.0%

\* Excludes Chapter 9, Chapter 12, Chapter 15, and Section 304 filings



## USBC - Central District of California

### 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	Latest Milestone
APX Holdings, LLC	LA-06-10875-EC	3/16/2006	7	Over \$100	Over \$100	Status Conference Hearing 1/30/08.
Marion Knight, aka Suge Knight	LA-06-11187-VZ	4/4/2006	11	\$4	\$137	Hearing on 1/24/08 re: Settlement with Tammine Hawkins, Digital Revolutions, Dimples Merchandising, BME and Suge Publishing.
Death Row Records, Inc	LA-06-11205-VZ	4/4/2006	11	Undetermined	\$111	Hearing on 1/24/08 re: Settlement with Tammine Hawkins, Digital Revolutions, Dimples Merchandising, BME and Suge Publishing.
Thorpe Insulation Company	LA07-19271-BB	10/15/2007	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Hearing on 1/16/08 re: Approving Settlement Agreement.
Brotman Medical Center	LA07-19705BB	10/25/2008	11	\$1mil to \$100 mil	\$1mil to \$100 mil	Application to employ Kurtzman Carson as Claims and Noticing agent set for hearing on 1/16/08.
Solidus Networks, Inc., dba Pay by Touch	LA 07-20027 TD	10/31/2008	11	unknown	unknown	Motion for approval of short term tenancy agreement and compromise of claims relating to lease hearing on 1/17/08.
Alert Cellular, LC	ND-07-10918-RR	7/3/2007	11	\$1-100	\$1-100	Proposed Chapter 11 Plan or Reorganization and Disclosure Statement filed 12/10/07; hearing set 1/16/08.
Los Osos Community Services District	ND-06-10548-RR	8/25/2006	9	\$1-10	Less than \$1	Motion for Relief from Stay Actions in non-bankruptcy forum granted effective 3/31/08.
Valley Health Systems, Inc.	RS-07-18293-PC	12/13/2007	9	\$100	\$100	The Honorable Peter H. Carroll was designated to conduct the case.
National R V Holdings, Inc	RS-07-17941-PC	11/30/2007	11	1 - 100	1 - 100	Order for Joint Administration with RS 07-17937 signed on 12/12/07.
Great Circle Family Foods, LLC, DBA: Krispy Kreme Doughnuts	SA-07-12600-ES (LEAD of 6)	8/22/2007	11	\$1-100	\$1-100	Order Granting Motion to Extend Debtors' Plan Exclusivity Periods except with Respect to the Official Committee of Creditors Holding Unsecured Claims to 3/19/08. Filed 12/18/07.
People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., a Wyoming corporation	SA-07-10765-RK (LEAD of 3)	3/7/2007	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order Granting Motion to Extend Debtors' Plan Exclusivity Periods for Right To File Plan of Reorganization and to Solicit Acceptances Thereto from 11/30/07 to and including January 31/08.
Real Estate Partners, Inc. DBA: Coldwell Banker Commercial REP	SA-07-13239-TA (LEAD of 8)	10/8/2007	11	\$1 - 100	\$1 - 100	Motion Debtor's Notice of Motion and Motion to Limit Notice of Certain Matters Requiring Notice to Creditors.
MTI Technology Corporation	SA-07-13347-ES	10/15/2007	11	\$1 - 100	\$1 - 100	Motion to Set Last Day to File Proofs of Claim and Objections to Claims Filed by Debtor MTI Technology Corporation filed 12/18/07.
PureBeauty, Inc.	SV-06-10545-KT	4/18/2006	11	\$10-50	\$50	Order granting Motion to continue to file objection to claims to 2/5/08.
Ownit Mortgage Solutions Inc	SV-06-12579-KT	12/28/2006	11	\$698.0	\$819	36 Motions for Relief filed during this period & assigned hearing dates. Order to extend plan exclusivity periods to 12/19/07. Order granting 2nd amended liquidating Plan of Reorganization signed 11/14/07.
Ronco Corporation	SV-07-12000-GM (LEAD of 2)	6/14/2007	11	Unknown	Unknown	Asset case notification on 10/30/07. Motion for Relief filed with hearing date on 1/10/08.
Specialty International Inc.	SV-07-12715-KT	8/2/2007	11	Unknown	Unknown	Hearing set for 1/15/08 re: Motion to Extend Exclusivity Period for filing Plan & Disclosure Statement.
Callifornia TD Investments LLC	SV-07-13003-GM (LEAD of 3)	8/21/2007	11	\$13.0	\$117	Motion to Convert case from Ch.11 to 7 - hearing continued.
Quality Home Loans	SV-07-13006-GM	8/21/2007	11	\$130.0	\$177	Order approving appointment of Ch. 11 Trustee David Gould. 2 Motions for Relief filed during this period & assigned hearing dates.

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

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