



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re

VIOLATION OF GENERAL ORDER 06-03
AND LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 5005-4

BK. No. MI 09-00021 VZ

**AMENDED ORDER SANCTIONING
WALTER J. ROBERTS FOR FAILING
TO COMPLY WITH GENERAL ORDER
06-03 AND LOCAL BANKRUPTCY
RULE 5005-4:**

- (1) \$2,100.00 TO BE PAID VIA
CASHIERS' CHECK NO LATER THAN
MAY 14, 2010;**
- (2) BARRING WALTER J. ROBERTS
FROM PRACTICE IN THE UNITED
STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR
THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA; and**
- (3) REFERRING WALTER J. ROBERTS
TO THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER
INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE**

Hearing Date of Original OSC:

DATE: January 19, 2010

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Courtroom 1368

Hearing Date on Follow-up OSC

DATE: April 6, 2010

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Courtroom 1368

Roybal Federal Building
255 E. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

On January 19, 2010, a hearing (“Hearing”) was held on an Order to Show Cause because **Walter J. Roberts** was not in compliance with the mandatory electronic filing requirements of General Order 06-03 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-4. **Walter J. Roberts** did not appear at the Hearing and did not file a written response to the OSC.

Based upon the findings and conclusions made at the Hearing, it was ordered that: (1) cause was not shown; (2) beginning January 19, 2010, a \$50.00 sanction would be imposed on **Walter J. Roberts** for every document he filed non-electronically, including documents filed manually at a clerk’s office intake window or mailed to the court for manual filing; and (3) a hearing be held on April 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 1368 of the Roybal Federal Building, 255 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012 on an Order to Show Cause Why Further Sanctions Should Not be Imposed on **Walter J. Roberts** (“Follow-up OSC”), including: (A) a continuing \$50.00 sanction for every document **Walter J. Roberts** files non-electronically including documents filed manually at a clerk’s office intake window or mailed to the court for manual filing; (B) referral to the California State Bar for discipline; and (C) being barred from practicing law in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

It was further ordered that (1) no later than March 21, 2010, **Walter J. Roberts** must file a written response (“Response”) to the Follow-Up OSC, which addresses the reasons why **Walter J. Roberts** has not been in compliance and the steps taken to be in compliance; (2) **Walter J. Roberts** must appear in person at the hearing on the Follow-up OSC; and (3) failure to comply with any requirement of the Follow-up OSC may be deemed consent by the **Walter J. Roberts** to any or all of the proposed sanctions.

Walter J. Roberts did not appear on April 6, 2010 at the hearing on the Follow-up OSC ("Hearing on Follow-up OSC") and did not file a written response to the Follow-up OSC. At the hearing on the Follow-up OSC, I made findings that: (1) **Walter J. Roberts** had not completed the registration and training process necessary to receive a LIVE, log-in password to file documents electronically via CM/ECF; and (2) from January 19, 2010 through and including March 31, 2010 **Walter J. Roberts** filed 42 documents non-electronically in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California. When multiplied by \$50.00 per document, this totals a \$2,100.00 sanction.

Based upon the foregoing, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

- (1) Cause has not been shown;
- (2) A monetary sanction of \$2,100.00 shall be paid by **Walter J. Roberts** to be received by the court no later than May 14, 2010, and the form of payment must be by cashiers' check payable to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California;
- (3) **Walter J. Roberts** is barred from practicing law in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California effective upon the date of entry of this order;
- (4) The Clerk of Court shall transmit a copy of this order to the State Bar of California for possible further investigation and discipline; and
- (5) The Clerk of Court shall post this order on this court's website to be viewable by the public.

DATED:

4/28/10



VINCENT P. ZURZOLO
United States Bankruptcy Judge

NOTICE OF ENTERED ORDER AND SERVICE LIST

Notice is given by the court that a judgment or order entitled (*specify*) **AMENDED ORDER SANCTIONING WALTER J. ROBERTS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH GENERAL ORDER 06-03 AND LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 5005-4: (1) \$2,100.00 TO BE PAID VIA CASHIERS' CHECK NO LATER THAN MAY 14, 2010; (2) BARRING WALTER J. ROBERTS FROM PRACTICE IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA; and (3) REFERRING WALTER J. ROBERTS TO THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE** was entered on the date indicated as "Entered" on the first page of this judgment or order and will be served in the manner indicated below:

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NONE

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United States Trustee:

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Non-Complying Attorney:

Walter J. Roberts
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Certificate of Mailing:

This order was sent via U.S. Mail on the date indicated below.

DATED: APR 28 2010

KATHY J. CAMPBELL, Clerk of Court

Tina Johnson

By: Deputy Clerk