

JUDGE SHERI BLUEBOND'S
STATUS CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

A thorough, written status report, filed 14 days in advance, is required before each chapter 11 and adversary status conference, unless one of the following is true:

1. the matter is an adversary proceeding and, prior to the date scheduled for the status conference, the parties have filed and the court has entered an order approving a stipulation that resolves all issues raised by the adversary proceeding and provides either for dismissal of the action in its entirety or the entry of judgment in the action;
2. the matter is an adversary proceeding, defaults have been entered as against all defendants and the plaintiff has filed and served a motion for default judgment prior to the date scheduled for the status conference;
3. the parties have filed and, prior to the date scheduled for the status conference, the court has entered an order approving, a stipulation continuing the status conference to a later date (in which case a written status report must be filed not less than 10 court days in advance of the continued status conference date); or
4. The Court has expressly relieved the parties of the obligation to file a written status report.

In adversary proceedings, use of the court-approved forms is recommended.

Please note also that, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(a)(3), if a defendant has not responded to the complaint or fails to cooperate in the preparation of a joint status report, the plaintiff is required to file a unilateral status report not less than 10 days before the date scheduled for the status conference, which report should include a declaration setting forth the attempts made by the plaintiff to contact or obtain the cooperation of the defendant in the preparation of a joint status report.

Unless one of the four exceptions outlined above applies, Judge Bluebond expects parties to file status reports in a timely manner. Parties that fail to do so will be subject to a minimum sanction of \$150, or such other sanctions as may be warranted under the circumstances or allowed under Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(f). Failure to appear for a status conference in an adversary proceeding may result in a minimum sanction of \$250, dismissal of the adversary proceeding for failure to prosecute or such other sanctions as may be warranted under the circumstances or allowed under Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(f).