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DISTRICT-WIDE CALL CENTER

In a continuing effort to improve public service, the Court has established a Call Center that can be reached at the toll free telephone number (855) 460-9641. The Call Center handles calls from the public for the Court's Los Angeles, Riverside, Santa Ana, Northern, and San Fernando Valley Divisions.

The new Call Center provides automated access to commonly requested information, such as how to obtain free or low cost legal assistance, Court locations, attorney information, credit reporting and fraud, and fee and check acceptance policy. The automated service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additionally, Call Center operators are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays and other published Court closures.

Callers are also encouraged to continue using the Court's Voice Case Information System (VCIS) at (866) 222-8029 to obtain free information and status of a bankruptcy case. This automated service is also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



ELECTRONIC SELF-REPRESENTATION SOFTWARE TO BE TESTED AT LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In early 2013, the Los Angeles Division's Self-Help Resource Center, with the assistance of Public Counsel, will begin to offer new bankruptcy petition preparation and submission software at its public computer terminals. For the first time, debtors will use the new eSR (Electronic Self-Representation) program to prepare chapter 7 petitions. The Self-Help Resource Center will recruit the first group of users from *pro se* debtors attending Public Counsel's chapter 7 clinics. Candidates will be fluent in English, comfortable using computers, and interested in filing online. Court staff will assist them with procedural or technical questions, while legal questions will be directed to volunteer attorneys. Debtors will still need to mail or hand-deliver payment, local forms, credit counseling certificates, copies of their IDs, and any applicable paystubs to Intake.

Since 2010, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California has been one of three test courts involved in the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' *Pro Se* Pathfinder

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COURT CLOSED

Tuesday, January 1—
New Year's Day

Monday, January 21—
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

Monday, February 18—
Presidents' Day



Accessing Court Information by Twitter

The Court has been posting to its Twitter account for over a year now, and has sent over 850 different tweets to more than 440 followers. The Court posts announcements, Notices of Sale, Public Notices, and other timely information.

Many are not aware that they can view the Court's Twitter postings without the need to get a Twitter account or even register—just click on the Twitter logo on the home page of the Court's website (www.cacb.uscourts.gov). The postings are arranged in chronological order, making it easy to quickly catch up with what is going on at the Court. For those with a Twitter account, you can use this free service to follow us @cacbnews.

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Project. The Pathfinder Project was established to develop a web-based program through which self-represented debtors can file petitions electronically. Along with the bankruptcy courts in New Jersey and New Mexico, the Court has provided feedback to the AO's programmers in order to improve the eSR program's functionality.

The Central District of California has the largest *pro se* population of any bankruptcy court in the nation. In 2012, more than one quarter of all self-represented bankruptcy filings in the United States were filed in the Central District. Self-Help Desks staffed by volunteers at each of the district's five divisions offer needed assistance to self-represented parties. Preliminary figures for 2012 indicate that the Los Angeles Self-Help Resource Center alone assisted over 1,370 debtors during the year, with several thousand more *pro se* debtors availing themselves of the free and low-cost legal aid at the other four divisions.

For a list of resources in the Central District, [click here](#). Qualified attorneys are encouraged to volunteer.

BANKRUPTCY BASICS

On November 29, the Los Angeles Division held Bankruptcy Basics MCLE, a training session for volunteer attorneys who have offered to assist self-represented debtors. The program was co-sponsored by Public Counsel Law Center, the Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorney Association, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Public Counsel is the largest *pro bono* law firm in the country, and Public Counsel's Debtor Assistance Project provides bankruptcy legal assistance to over 4,000 individuals and families every year. The session's panel discussion brought together seasoned experts in bankruptcy law. The class is offered free of charge, in exchange for a commitment to volunteer for two hours.

Chief Judge Peter H. Carroll and Judges Zurzolo, Donovan, and Kwan visited to greet attendees and encourage them to volunteer. Court employees opened the program with brief presentations on the redesigned website's new features and bankruptcy noticing. The panel discussion followed with panelists James T. King, founder of King & Associates law firm, and Erik Clark, Managing Partner at Borowitz & Clark, LLP. Mr. King is a lawyer with over 30 years' experience in consumer bankruptcy, and Mr. Clark has represented thousands of clients in chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcy cases. Magdalena Reyes Bordeaux, Senior Staff Attorney at Public Counsel, moderated the discussion.

During the first portion of the session, the panelists gave practical advice about what questions to ask in the initial interview with a client, common mistakes that lawyers make in bankruptcy cases, and staying on top of changes in bankruptcy law. The panel also discussed preparing and filing a chapter 7 petition, preparing for a 341(a) hearing, and steps to take after the 341(a). After a break with refreshments provided by Abacus Credit Counseling, the panelists walked attendees through a chapter 7 petition page by page.

REVISIONS TO LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California has revised its Local Bankruptcy Rules (LBRs). The revised LBRs become effective January 2, 2013.

The revised LBRs have been posted on the Court's website www.cacb.uscourts.gov (on the Local Bankruptcy Rules webpage under the Rules and Procedures tab). A redline version of the LBRs indicating the recent LBRs' revisions, as well as a summary of the revisions titled Summary of Revisions to Local Bankruptcy Rules Effective January 2, 2013, are also available on the Local Bankruptcy Rules webpage.

REMINDER RE: MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING POLICY (LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 5005-4 AND GENERAL ORDER 06-03)

Attorneys who manually file papers capable of being filed electronically in five (5) or more bankruptcy cases or adversary proceedings in a single calendar year must thereafter file papers electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Files ("CM/ECF") system.

The following documents are the only exception to the policy and shall be filed conventionally in the appropriate CACB divisional office and not electronically filed unless specifically authorized by the Court:

- (1) Documents filed under seal;
- (2) Writs of execution;
- (3) Abstracts of judgments;
- (4) Applications for renewals of judgments;
- (5) Bonds; and
- (6) Interpleaders with attached checks.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO ROYBAL BUILDING LIMITED TO TEMPLE STREET ONLY

Beginning December 17, 2012, the U.S. Marshals Service will no longer allow public access to the Roybal Building via the courtyard entrance (located at the top of the Alameda Street stairs). Public access to the Roybal Building will only be available via the street level entrance at 255 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles. The courtyard entrance is an EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE ONLY.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

CM/ECF Tips

Modified forms:

The following bankruptcy forms were recently revised: Notice of Available Chapters (11/12) and Statement of Social Security Number and Statement of Financial Affairs (12/12). However, many people continue to file the old forms and receive deficiency notices as a result. Be sure to submit up-to-date forms in order to avoid unnecessary deficiency notices and the potential dismissal of your case.

The revised forms can be downloaded from the Court's website. Alternatively, contact the makers of your petition preparation software to ensure you are provided with the most current update.

Only one preferred mailing address allowed per attorney:

Effective with the revision to Court Manual Section 3.2(c)(4), only one mailing address per attorney can be stored in the CM/ECF system at a time. Therefore, the single address currently associated with the attorney's login will continue to be used by the debtor and Court in all of the attorney's cases unless the attorney notifies the Court otherwise.

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

Alma Rose Winery & Vineyard, LLC

ND-12-12837-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 7/27/12, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. No updates.

American Suzuki Motor Corp.

SA-12-22808-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 11/05/2012, Assets \$100-\$500 million and Liabilities \$100-\$500 million. This case has 40,671 creditors. Final Order Authorizing the Debtor to honor all obligations arising under Indemnity Agreements with its Directors and Proposed Chief Restructuring Officer.

A & S Booksellers, Inc.

SV-12-10392-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 01/13/12, Assets \$0.01- 0.05 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$10 million. Ch. 11 Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement filed 10/31/12. Notice of Withdrawal of Debtor's Disclosure Statement Describing Ch.11 Plan of Liquidation et al, filed on 11/26/12.

City of San Bernardino

RS-12-28006-MJ, Chapter 9, Filed 08/01/12. Assets and Liabilities \$1,000 + and Liabilities \$1,000 +. Status conference on the chapter 9 voluntary petition scheduled for 12/21/12. Relief from Stay hearings set for 1/9/13 and 1/22/13.

Crystal Cathedral Ministries, a California non-profit corporation

LA-10-24771-RK, Chapter 11, Filed 10/18/10. Assets and Liabilities \$50-\$100 million. Notice of appeal filed on 12/18/12 on order allowing and disallowing claims and requests for payment of administrative expenses of Robert H.Schuller and Robert Harold Inc.

Encino Corporate Plaza, L.P.

SV-11-14917-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 04/20/11, Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$1-50 million. No updates.

Figueroa Tower I LP, Figueroa Tower II, LP, Figueroa Tower III, LP (jointly administered)

SV11-18760-GM; SV11-18761-GM; SV11-17862-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 07/14/11, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Adversary 1:12-ap-01424-GM filed on 12/4/12. Order Denying ex parte motion for continuance of hearing on confirmation of Debtor's 6th amended joint plan of reorganization, entered 12/10/12.

Gamma Medica-Ideas (USA), Inc.

SV-12-17469-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 08/20/2012. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Ch. 11 Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement filed 10/31/12. Adversary 1:12-ap-01389-VK filed 11/6/12.

Georges Marciano

SV-11-10426-VK formerly LA-09-39630-VK (Involuntary) Chapter 11, Filed 10/27/2009 - Intra-District Transfer to SV on 01/07/11. Assets Unknown, Liabilities between \$50-\$100 million. Notice of Rulings of Canadian Court of Appeal filed 10/25/12. Order 1. Denying Application for Order Setting Hrg. On Shortened Notice; 2. Denying Motion for Relief; and 3. Re Rulings on Evidentiary Objections with notice of entered order and service list, entered on 11/5/12. BAP/USDC Dismissal of Appeal Re: BAP/USDC No.: CV12-1887 AHM, entered 11/13/12; BAP/USDC appeal judgment Affirmed re: USDC No.: CV 12-545 AHM, entered 11/13/12, Notice of Appeal filed 11/19/12, Notice of Appeal to USDC filed 11/19/12.

HomeSuites, LLC

ND-11-10163-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 01/12/11, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Monthly Operating Report filed 12/18/12.

Irwindale Speedway, LLC

LA-12-14994-ER, Chapter 7, Filed 02/13/12, Assets \$0- 0.01 million and Liabilities \$0.5-\$1 million. Order entered on 6/21/12 granting chapter 7 trustee's motion to approve compromise of controversy.

Nesbitt Portland Property, LLC; Nesbitt Bellevue Property, LLC; Nesbitt El Paso Property, LP; Nesbitt Denver Property, LLC; Nesbitt Lynnwood Property, LLC; Nesbitt Colorado Springs Property, LLC; Nesbitt Livonia Property, LLC; Nesbitt Blue Ash Property, LLC

ND-12-12883-RR; ND-12-12884-RR; ND-12-12888-RR; ND-12-12889-RR; ND-12-12890-RR; ND-12-12891-RR; ND-12-12894-RR; ND-12-12895-RR, Chapter 11, Filed 07/31/12, Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$100-500 million. Disclosure Statement hearing scheduled for 4/11/13.

Pacific Monarch Resorts, Inc. Vacation Marketing Group, Inc; Vacation Interval Realty, Inc.; MGV Cabo, LLC; Desarrollo Cabo Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V.; Operador MGVM S. de R.L. de C.V. SA:11-24720-ES; SA:11-24725-ES; SA:11-24727-ES; SA:11-24729-ES; SA:11-24731-ES, Chapter 11, Filed 10/24/11, Assets and Liability \$100-\$500 Million. Order confirming plan entered on 11/27/12. Chapter 11 Discharge entered on all cases on 11/27/2012.

Raymond P. Boucher

SV-12-10052-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 01/03/12, Assets \$5.26 million and Liabilities \$5.51 million. Order Granting Motion for Relief (#124) entered on 10/30/12.

RCR Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc.

RS-11-41853-WJ Chapter 11, Filed 10/12/2011, Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. December 14, 2012, is the effective date of the fourth amended chapter 11 plan unless an appeal is filed in which case the effective date will be two weeks after the confirmation order becomes final. January 30, 2013, is the deadline to file a request for payment of an administrative claim. Motions to disallow claims set for 12/11/12, were withdrawn. Relief from stay hearings set for 12/18/12 and 1/8/13.

Taicom Securities Co., Ltd

SA-12-20383-CB, Chapter 15, Filed 08/31/12, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. CASE CLOSED AND TRANSFERRED TO LA. New case number: 2:12-bk-47423-BB.

The Grande Holdings Limited

LA-11-41459-BB, Chapter 15, Filed 7/22/11. Assets between Over \$100,000 and Liabilities over \$100. Hearing set for 1/15/13 @ 10 a.m. re motion for relief from the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. § 362 filed on behalf of judgment creditors Fred Kayne, et al.

Verdugo Mental Health

LA-11-22739-PC, Chapter 11, Filed 03/25/11, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Motion for final decree filed by debtor-in-possession on 11/16/12.

Westrim Inc. dba Westrim Crafts

SV-11-15313-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 04/29/2011, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. No updates.

William Busey

SV-12-11182-AA, Chapter 7, Filed 02/07/12, Assets \$0- 0.05 million and Liabilities \$0.5 - \$1 million. Discharge entered on 11/26/12. Case terminated on 11/26/12.

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