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## NORTHERN DIVISION CELEBRATES LAW DAY

To commemorate Law Day 2015, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court hosted 17 Santa Barbara-area students at a Power Lunch on Friday, May 8. This was the 58<sup>th</sup> annual observance of Law Day, established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 to commemorate the nation's commitment to the rule of law. In 1961, Congress designated May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day.



The Law Day event was attended by Bankruptcy Judges Peter H. Carroll, Deborah J. Saltzman, and Sandra R. Klein and Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell. A number of Santa Barbara County Superior Court judges attended, including Santa Barbara County Superior Court Presiding Judge James Herman and Judges Thomas Anderle, Donna Geck, and Pauline Maxwell. Representatives from the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, local bar associations, the U.S. Marshals Service, the U.S. Trustee's Office, and the Federal Protective Service (including K9 Tanner) also participated in the event. Students came from San Marcos High School, Dos Pueblos High School, La Colina Junior High School, St. Raphael's School, and Boy Scout Troop #4.

Judge Saltzman kicked off the event with a warm welcome. Judge Klein then presented a slide show which introduced each judge and provided a fun fact about each judge. Next, Judge Carroll delivered a fascinating keynote speech about two individuals who inspired him to become a federal judge. After the formal presentation concluded, students and adults enjoyed speaking with one another about the law and legal profession. The attendees all enjoyed meeting a surprise guest, Federal Protective Services Agent Danny Roth and Tanner, his K9 partner. Tanner was a big hit with the students and volunteers alike, and was right at home



Judge Deborah J. Saltzman



Judge Sandra R. Klein



Judge Peter H. Carroll

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### Accessing Court Information by Twitter

The Court has been posting to its Twitter account since 2011, and has sent over 2,400 different tweets to more than 650 followers. The Court posts announcements, Notices of Sale, Public Notices, and other timely information. In March, the Court began tweeting judicial opinions.

You do not need a Twitter account to view the Court's tweets—just click on the Twitter logo on the home page of the Court's website (<u>www.cacb.uscourts.gov</u>). The postings are arranged in chronological order, making it easy to quickly catch up with what is going on at the Court. If you have a Twitter account, follow @cacbnews.

### WEBSITE FEEDBACK

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California continues to enhance its website based on feedback from users. Please let us know your thoughts about what is working well and what could be improved at www.cacb.uscourts.gov/ contact. as the center of attention in front of the crowd. After questions from the group, the

students and adults played a lively game of Legal Jeopardy! which is played like Jeopardy! but with legal categories, such as "Who's Who in the Courtroom" and "Judges and Lawyers." The Power Lunch concluded with a courthouse tour led by the Clerk's Office staff.

### NEW AND REVISED LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES FORMS EFFECTIVE JUNE 5

The Board of Judges has approved new and revised Local Bankruptcy Rules (LBR) forms that become effective June 5. These include two new optional LBR forms for closing chapter 11 cases, 15 revised optional LBR forms for individual chapter 11 debtors, and seven other LBR forms.

The new and revised LBR forms are available free of charge on the Court's website, under the Forms tab. Hard copies of the forms are available for a fee at the Intake window of each division.

For a complete list of the new and revised forms, see Public Notice 15-005.

# SANTA ANA DIVISION CHECK PROCESSING CHANGE EFFECTIVE JUNE 15

Effective June 15, 2015, all checks accepted at the Santa Ana Division will be processed as electronic funds transfers. This check-processing change, already in place at the Northern and San Fernando Valley Divisions, will result in improved efficiency and cost savings for the Court.

Under this new process, any check presented at the Clerk's Office for payment of fees (both at the Intake window and by mail) will be scanned and converted into an electronic funds transfer at the time the check is received and <u>the check</u> <u>amount will be immediately debited from the account identified on the check</u>.

As in the past, the Clerk's Office will retain an image of each check. However, instead of forwarding checks to the Court's bank for processing, checks will be shredded and will appear as electronic transfers on the presenters' bank statements.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Call Center at the toll free number (855) 460-9641.

# **ATTORNEY TRAINING MODULES**

Attorneys, does someone in your office need a refresher on CM/ECF processes such as lodging orders and/or electronically filing various types of documents? Electronic learning modules (ELMs) are available to attorneys and their staff 24/7 free of charge at www.cacb.uscourts.gov  $\rightarrow$  CM/ECF  $\rightarrow$  CM/ECF Training and Registration  $\rightarrow$  CM/ECF Online Training Modules.

### NORTHERN DIVISION CONSUMER DEBT AND BANKRUPTCY CLINIC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara sponsors the Consumer Debt and Bankruptcy Clinic that provides free information to consumers regarding financial debt issues and bankruptcy matters. The Clinic, which serves a large geographical area that includes Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties, is looking for qualified attorney volunteers to provide their expertise and knowledge in helping a wide range of clients.

For more information about volunteering at the Consumer Debt and Bankruptcy Clinic, please see "Bankruptcy Court Clinic Seeking Volunteers" in the <u>March issue</u> of <u>Santa Barbara Lawyer</u> (pp. 12-13).

### **CM/ECF TIPS**

### Lodging an Order with Exhibits and/or Attachments

When lodging an order via Lodged Order Upload (LOU) with exhibits and/or attachments, please use one of the following methods to ensure compliance:

- (1) PDF. A PDF exhibit and or/attachment lodged along with the electronic order (such as signature pages of parties indicating approval of form of order or a property description) must not exceed 10 pages unless otherwise approved by the presiding judge. Once an exception has been approved by the presiding judge, contact the ECF Help Desk at (213) 894-2365 for instructions.
- (2) MS-WORD. An exhibit may be uploaded in MS-WORD format as part of the proposed order as long as it does not exceed 10 pages. DO NOT upload an MS-WORD image.
- (3) Other exhibits. If an exhibit exceeds 10 pages, the exhibit must be filed and referred to according to the following procedure.
  - (A) Exhibit is attached to the motion.
    - (1) In the order, refer to the motion and the number or letter that identifies the exhibit.
  - (B) Exhibit is not attached to the motion.
    - Convert the exhibit to a PDF document and file it via CM/ECF by selecting the docket event "Exhibit";
    - (2) Relate the exhibit to the applicable motion/application;
    - (3) Provide a copy of the exhibit along with a judge's copy of the order and LOU receipt as specified under section 4.2(c) of this Manual; and
    - (4) Contact the applicable judge's courtroom deputy and advise of submission of the exhibit.

## CM/ECF TIPS (CONT.)

# Use of CM/ECF Login and Password

It is the obligation of the registered CM/ECF user to retain control of and to maintain the confidentiality of his or her login and password and to prevent their disclosure to any person not authorized to use them. No registered CM/ ECF user shall knowingly permit or cause to permit his or her login and password to be utilized by anyone other than designated staff filing on behalf of the registered attorney. A registered ECF shall immediately user notify the CM/ECF Help Desk upon learning that the security of his or her login and password has been compromised by emailing the ECF Help Desk at ECF\_support@cacb. uscourts.gov.

NOTE: Registered CM/ECF users may not knowingly permit other attorneys who are not registered CM/ECF users to use their logins and passwords to file.

Each attorney desiring to file pleadings or documents through the Court's CM/ ECF system must complete the online Registration Form, complete the online training provided by the Court, if required, and prove competence on the CM/ ECF system.

### BANKRUPTCY LAW SPECIALIZATION EXAMINATION

The 2015 Bankruptcy Law Specialization Examination will be held on October 17. More information about the exam is available at the State Bar of California's registration page.

For Filing Statistics, visit www.cacb.uscourts.gov -> About the Court -> Statistics

### **Top 20 Cases of Interest\***

#### American Spectrum Realty, Inc., a Maryland Corp. American Spectrum Realty, Inc.

SA-15-10721-SC, SA-15-11397-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 02/13/15 and 03/16/15, Assets Unknown. Status Conference set for 7/23/15 at 11 a.m., CRTRM 5C.

#### Anna's Linens, Inc.

SA-15-13008-TA Chapter 11, Filed 06/14/2015, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$100-500 million. Status conference hearing set for 6/22/15 at 10 a.m. CTRM 5B.

#### ARI-RC6, LLC (Lead), ARI-RC 12, LLC, ARI-RC 14, LLC, ARI-RC 21, LLC, ARI-RC 23, LLC

SV13-14678-AÅ, (LEAD); SV13-14697-AA, SV13-14692-AA. SV13-14604-AA, SV13-14695-AA, Chapter 11, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Amended Disclosure Statement filed on 5/5/15. 2nd Amended Disclosure Statement filed on 5/8/15. Order Granting 1) Ex Parte Application to Combine hearings on 2nd amended Disclosure Statement and Plan confirmation and 2) setting on approval of 2nd amended disclosure statement and confirmation of plan and related deadlines entered on 5/8/15. Hearing Held 6/09/15 Ruling - Plan Confirmed.

#### AVT, Inc.

RS-15-14464-MW, Chapter 11, Filed 05/01/2015. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Chapter 11 Status Conference continued to 9/10/2015; Proof of claim bar date set for 9/15/2015

#### Battle Creek Conservation Ventures, LLC

SV-15-11683-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 05/13/2015. Assets \$10- 50 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$10 million. 341(a) Meeting 6/18/15 at 3 p.m.

#### Bethal Healthcare Inc.

SV-13-12220-GM, Chapter 11, Filed 04/01/13, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Order Granting Stipulation and Order thereon/extend deadline to commence actions or proceedings under section 544,545,546,547,548 and/or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code entered 4/13/15. Order Granting Application & Setting hearing re: Emergency Motion for order authorizing debtor to enter into a New Sublease entered on 6/11/15.

#### Carson Civic Center Property, LLC

SV-15-11573-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 05/04/2015. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. 341(a) Meeting Continued to 6/17/15 at 9:30 a.m. Schedules filed 6/1/15.

#### Evergreen Oil, Inc. Evergreen Environmental Holdings, Inc.

SA-13-13163-SC, SA-13-13168-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 04/09/13, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Status conference hearing continued to 11/19/2015 at 11am, CRTRM 5C.

#### Halsey M. Minor

LA-13-23787-TD, Chapter 7, Filed 05/24/13, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Order entered on 5/29/15 granting Chapter 7 Trustee's eighth motion for order extending time pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §365(d)(1) in which to assume or reject executory contracts and unexpired leases of residential real property or of personal property.

#### Holy Hill Community Church

LA-14-21070-WB, Chapter 11, Filed 06/05/2014, Assets \$10- 50 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$50 million. Chapter 11 Trustee's statement of position re debtor's objection to W. Dan Lee's Claims was filed on 6/25/15.

#### KSL Media Inc. (Lead Case)

Jointly Administered with TV 10's LLC - SV13-15930-AA and Fulcrum 5, Inc. - SV 13-15931-AA, SV-13-15929-AA, Chapter 11, Filed 9/11/13, Assets \$10- \$50 million and Liabilities \$50-100 million. Adversary 1:15-ap-01096, David K Gottlieb vs PetSmart Inc. filed on 6/12/15.

#### Laurel Canyon MK2 LLC

SV-15-11763-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 05/19/2015. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. 341(a) Meeting 6/17/15 at 10 a.m. Schedules filed 6/2/15.

#### Local Corporation, a Delaware Corp. DBA Local.com Corporation

SA-15-13153-SC, Chapter 11, Filed 06/23/2015, Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$1 - \$50 million. 341(a) Meeting scheduled for 7/30/15 at 1 p.m., RM 1-159. Status Conference hearing set for 8/20/15 at 11 a.m., Crtrm 5C.

#### Morgan Drexen

SA-15-12278-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 04/30/2015. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Case re-converted to ch. 7. Status Conference hearing continued to 6/24/15 at 10 a.m. CTRM 5D.

#### Plaza Healthcare Center LLC

SA-14-11335-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 03/04/14, Assets \$1+ million and Liabilities \$1+ million. Hearing continued to 7/29/15 at 10 a.m. RE: Creditor Committee's 2004 motion for oral examination of Safety National Casuality Corp. and Objection by Safety National to motion, motion to quash and motion for protective order.

S.B. Restaurant Co. dba's: Elephant Bar Restaurant, Elephant Bar Global Grill Wok Kitchen, Texas S.B. Restaurant Co. of CA, S.B. Restaurant of Missouri Co. S.B. Restaurant Co. of Kansas, LLC S.B. Restaurant Co. of Central Florida, LLC

SA-14-13778-ES, SA-14-13780-ES, SA-14-13781-ES, Chapter 11, Filed 6/16/14, Assets \$50-\$100 million and Liabilities \$50-\$100 million. Status Conference and UST Motion for Order Dismissing Ch. 11 cont'd to 6/18/15 at 10:30 a.m. CRTRM 5A.

#### Senor Fish

LA-14-10076-RN, Chapter 11, Filed 01/02/14. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Monthly operating report #17 for the month ending May 2015 was filed on 6/15/15.

#### State Fish Co., Inc,

LA-15-11084-SK, Chapter 11, Filed 1/26/2015. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Order entered on 6/29/15 setting briefing deadlines on "Motion for order: (1) scheduling an auction and sale hearing in connection with the sale of certain of the debtors' assets (2) approving bidding procedures (3) approving asset purchase agreement (4) approving break-up fee and expense reimbursements (5) approving notice of auction and sale hearing (6) approving procedures for the assumption, assignment and sale of contracts and (7) approving sale of certain of debtors' assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and interests"

#### Todd-Soundelux, LLC

LA-14-19980-SK, Chapter 11, Filed 5/21/14, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Verified statement of Fox Rothschild LLP pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2019 filed on 5/28/15.

#### Walldesign Inc.

SA-12-10105-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 01/04/14, Assets \$10 + million and Liabilities \$10 + million. Status conference hearing continued to 9/16/15 at 10 a.m., CRTRM 5D.

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