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PROPOSED CHAPTER 13 CHANGES; MAY 18 DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS

A revised form of chapter 13 plan, revised Local Bankruptcy Rule (LBR) 3015-1, and revised notices of § 341(a) meeting and confirmation hearing (§ 341(a) notices) have been tentatively approved by the bankruptcy judges for the Central District of California. These documents were prepared in coordination with a committee of local representatives from the debtor bar, the creditor bar, and the chapter 13 trustees.

These revisions are prompted by changes to the national rules, which are expected to become effective as of December 1. There are two forms of § 341(a) notices because the new national rules provide two different procedures regarding the treatment of secured claims: valuation and lien avoidance can be done via motion practice (as is currently done) or alternatively in some circumstances they can be done in the plan itself (and this requires special procedures for which a special § 341(a) notice has been drafted).

The revised forms and revised LBR 3015-1, and related amendments to the national rules, can be viewed on the Court's website (www.cacb.uscourts.gov) under [For Attorneys](#) or by [clicking here](#).

The public is invited to provide comments on the revised forms and LBR 3015-1 by sending an email to bkcomments@cacb.uscourts.gov. The deadline for comments is May 18.

HONOR ROLL RECEPTIONS CELEBRATE CENTRAL DISTRICT'S PRO BONO VOLUNTEERS

In April, three of the Court's divisions held receptions for the pro bono volunteers named in the Court's annual [Honor Roll](#) who assist the Central District's large population of unrepresented parties. The San Fernando Valley Division held its Honor Roll reception in the judges' library on April 6. In Los Angeles, a reception with lunch and snacks followed the Debtor Assistance Project's April 18 meeting. Wine and cheese were served at the Santa Ana Division's April 25 event, hosted by Judge Catherine E. Bauer in her chambers.

To learn more about volunteering in the Central District, visit the [Pro Bono Opportunities](#) page of the Court's website.

FEDERAL CAREER DAY BRINGS GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE TO ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

On Friday, March 10, a group from the Central District journeyed to the High Desert north of Los Angeles to participate in Federal Career Day at Antelope Valley College (AVC), a junior college serving the northern Los Angeles County region. The event was a sequel to last year's well-received program at College of the Canyons in Valencia. AVC serves a majority-minority population in a low-income area and provides some sort of financial assistance or fee waivers to

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COURT CLOSED



Monday, May 29—
Memorial Day



Tuesday, July 4—
Independence Day



Accessing Court Information by Twitter

The Court has tweeted over 3,400 times since 2011, and its Twitter account has over 700 followers. The Court tweets announcements, Notices of Sale, Public Notices, and other timely information. In March 2015, 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 (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. 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.



over 80 percent of its students. Over 400 students (about 350 from college, 50 from high school) signed up to attend this year's Federal Career Day, and the six local Rotary Clubs joined together to provide a BBQ lunch for all students and participants.

Bankruptcy Judge Maureen A. Tighe kicked off the program. She told the assembled students that the federal government values diversity of all sorts and that it is important to stay in school. Then, in an inspirational speech, Senior District Judge Consuelo Marshall offered practical advice to the students as she reflected on her career. The first woman ever hired at the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, she became the first woman of color to serve as Chief District Judge in any federal district west of the Mississippi.

Judges Tighe and Marshall then discussed preparing for careers in government with a panel of 14 federal agents, including representatives from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Bureau of Prisons, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Bankruptcy Court, Probation, NASA, the Federal Air Marshals, DEA, the Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS, the Postal Inspection Service, Pretrial Services, the United States Attorney's Office, the FBI, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The panelists described their duties, the career and education paths that led them to their positions, and their favorite aspects of their jobs. The panel also covered getting a security clearance, dealing with stress, developing skills for a career in government, and student internships.

Following the panel discussion, students had the opportunity to meet personnel from numerous other federal agencies in an adjacent building. Bankruptcy Judges Peter Carroll, Sandra Klein, and Martin Barash circulated among the guests along with Clerk of Court Kathleen J. Campbell, making sure students found the people or answers they were seeking. Judge Barash sent the students home on a high note, concluding the program with a rousing and encouraging speech.

LAW DAY CELEBRATION KICKS OFF CIVICS CONTEST WITH A LOOK BACK AT JAPANESE INTERNMENT

On March 28, the Court hosted a Law Day event for over 100 high school students at the Richard H. Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals in Pasadena. The event was held in conjunction with the Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, an essay and video contest for high school students, with the theme: "Not to be Forgotten: Legal Lessons of the Japanese Internment."

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- To check your payment history, click on **Utilities > Internet Payment History**. Enter the date range and click **Run Report**, and the report will display.

Flattening a PDF (For use with Adobe Professional version 10 or higher)

Note: To prevent serious document image quality issues, all files saved using Adobe Professional version 10 or higher must be “flattened” before filing through CM/ECF. Flattening a PDF file removes the interactive capability of the document created in Adobe Professional version 10 or higher and may also reduce the PDF file size by up to 90 percent.

- Create a PDF document for filing as usual.
- From the Print feature, select Adobe PDF as the printer.
- Click the “Print” button at the bottom of the screen. (You will be prompted to name your file and save it.)
- Upload the document into CM/ECF using normal procedures.



Among the numerous judges who participated in the event were Bankruptcy Judges Thomas B. Donovan, Robert N. Kwan, Sandra R. Klein, and Martin R. Barash; Senior Ninth Circuit Judges Raymond C. Fisher, Dorothy W. Nelson and A. Wallace Tashima; Senior District Court Judges Terry Hatter, Jr. and Ronald S.W. Lew; District Judges Lourdes G. Baird (Ret.) and John A. Kronstadt; Magistrate Judge Paul L. Abrams; and Los Angeles Superior Court Judges Firdaus F. Dordi, Jon R. Takasugi, and Melissa N. Widdifield. Sandra Brown, the acting United States Attorney for the Central District of California, also took part. There were several special guests, including Sandra Alarcón, widow of the late Hon. Arthur L. Alarcón; Eve Fisher, a Ninth Circuit Senior Deputy Clerk; David Madden, the Ninth Circuit Assistant Circuit Executive for Public Information; and Molly C. Dwyer, the Ninth Circuit Clerk of Court. Bankruptcy Clerk of Court and Executive Officer Kathy Campbell, as well as members of her staff, also attended and helped make the event a huge success. A number of attorneys volunteered during the event, including assistant United States attorneys, deputy federal public defenders, and attorneys from private practice.

The Law Day event began with brief opening remarks from Judge Klein. Judge Fisher welcomed the students on behalf of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Kronstadt on behalf of the District Court. Judge Klein then introduced each judge. Following a brief summary of the events leading up to the Japanese internment and an overview of the Supreme Court decisions in Hirabayashi and Korematsu, Judge Klein introduced the panel of guest speakers: Judge Tashima, Judge Takasugi, Patricia Kinaga, and Gary Toyo Miyatake. The speakers shared poignant stories about their families' experiences during the Japanese internment.

The Law Day audience was fully engrossed in the discussion as the panelists recounted their experiences and those of their families during the internment. Judge Klein mentioned that approximately 40 years after the internment, Congress created the Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which studied how the internment could have happened. The Commission determined there were three reasons: racism; fear and wartime hysteria; and a failure of leadership.

Judge Klein noted that one of the reasons that we continue to discuss the internment is to make sure it is not forgotten and that we learn from our past mistakes. As Judge Tashima stated so eloquently in an article that he wrote, “We study history because those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it.”

Top 20 Cases of Interest*

Anchor R & R LLC

SA-17-10703-TA, Chapter 11, Filed 02/24/17. Assets \$10-50 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Chapter 11 case filed 2/24/17; order setting scheduling and case management conference 3/7/17; scheduling order after status conference - the status conference continued to 9/6/17 at 10 a.m., motion for relief real property filed by creditor Emerald Creek Capital LLC. Granted at the hearing held 4/4/17.

Anzhey Barantsevich

SV-16-12073-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 07/18/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 7/12/17 at 9:30 a.m.

BioData Medical Laboratories, Inc.

RS-16-20446-MW, Chapter 11, Filed 11/28/2016. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Notice of bar date for creditors filing proofs of claim filed 2/15/17 - Proof of claim bar date: 5/1/17; 5/27/17 for governmental units; Motion to extend exclusivity period filed 3/24/17 - hearing 4/25/17 at 2 p.m. Courtroom 225; Continuance of meeting of creditors to 4/20/17 at 2:30 p.m. Room 720, 3801 University Ave., Riverside, CA filed 3/29/17; Motion to terminate the appointment of a patient care ombudsman filed 4/4/17 - hearing 4/25/17 at 2 p.m. Courtroom 225.

British Motorcars Ventura, Inc. DBA Land Rover Jaguar Ventura

ND-17-10489-PC, Chapter 11, Filed 03/22/17. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Continued hearing re: emergency motion debtor's notice of emergency motion and emergency motion for: entry of interim and final orders (1) approving post-petition financing and related liens and adequate protection, (2) approving cash collateral use and related liens and adequate protection and (3) continued hearing re: emergency motion debtor's notice of emergency motion and emergency motion for an order authorizing the use of cash collateral on an interim basis pending a final hearing.

Cartel Management, Inc

LA-17-11179-DS, Chapter 11, Filed 01/03/17. Assets \$0.5-\$1 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Monthly operating report number 2 for the month ending 2/28/17 was filed on 3/29/17.

Cathy Jean, Inc.

SA-16-14633-TA, Chapter 7, Filed 11/09/16. Chapter 7 Involuntary Petition, Petitioning Creditor(s) Bod & Bobby Inc Atty Brian T Harvey, Wenzhou Bobo Shoes International Co. Ltd Atty Randall A Baker, Westfield Topanga Owner, LLC Atty Brian D Huben. Motion for Designation 1007(k) of party to file sch, statmts and other doc. hearing scheduled for 4/25/17 at 11 a.m. Crtrm 5B; Motion for Relief filed 3/30/17 hearing set for 5/2/17 at 10:30 a.m.

ColorFX, Inc.

SV-17-10830-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 03/31/17. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Hearing regarding notice of sale of estate property to be held on 6/8/17 at 2 p.m.

Early California Restaurants

SV-16-13386-MB, Chapter 11, Filed 11/29/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Case dismissed on 4/14/17.

Famoso Porterville LLC

SV-17-10291-VK, Chapter 7, Filed 02/03/17. Assets \$1-\$10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Case dismissed on 3/6/17. Case closed on 3/13/17.

Gardens Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Inc.

LA-16-17463-ER, Chapter 11, Filed 06/06/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-50 million. Stipulation was filed on 4/19/17 to extend the time for Harbor-Gardens Capital I, LLC and Paladin-Gardens Management LLC to respond to debtor's motion to approve terms and conditions of a private sale of certain of the debtor's assets to Promise Hospital of Los Angeles, L.P. in accordance with section 363(b) and (f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Hilldale Partners LLC

SV-17-11003-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 04/16/17. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Meeting of creditors 341(a) meeting to be held on 5/11/17 at 10 a.m.

K&A Global Management Company

SV-16-13295-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 11/17/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 8/16/17 at 9:30 a.m.

Lindley Fire Protection Co. Inc.

SA-17-10929-CB, Chapter 11, Filed 03/12/17. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Chapter 11 case with first day emergency motion filed 3/17/17 limited notice of certain matters hearing continued to 4/12/17 at 10 a.m. crtrm 5D. Motion for order authorizing payment of pre-petition employee wages/benefits granted 3/20/17. Notice appointment creditor's committee filed 3/29/17; order granted debtor's emergency motion authorizing use of cash collateral of IRS and EDD on interim basis; order approving stipulation for adequate protection and use of cash collateral to 6/7/17.

Majestic Air Inc

SV-16-11538-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 05/23/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status and case management conference continued to 5/16/17 at 10 a.m.

Menco Pacific Inc

SV-16-12791-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 09/26/16, Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 7/27/17 at 9:30 a.m. Hearing regarding motion to convert chapter 11 case to a chapter 7 case or dismiss to be held on 7/27/17 at 9:30 a.m.

Mirada Park LLC

SV-16-13158-VK, Chapter 11, Filed 11/02/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Case closed on 2/3/17.

Miyagi Sushi, Inc.

RS-16-16990-MJ, Chapter 11, Filed 08/07/16, Assets \$50-100 million and Liabilities \$500-1 million. Small business monthly operating report for filing period Feb 1-28, 2016 filed 3/15/17; Opposition to small business disclosure statement filed 3/15/17; Reply to opposition to small business disclosure statement filed 3/22/17.

Nasty Gal Inc.

LA-16-24862-BB, Chapter 11 Filed 11/09/16, Assets \$10- 50 million and Liabilities \$10-50 million. Order entered on 4/18/17 approving application of debtor and debtor in possession to employ Province Inc. as administrative consultant.

Stronghold Asset Management Corp.

SV-16-11961-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 07/06/16. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Status and case management conference and hearing on approval of disclosure statement continued to 4/26/17 at 9:30 a.m.

Tours Incorporated, Inc.

SV-17-10256-MT, Chapter 11, Filed 1/31/17. Assets \$1-10 million and Liabilities \$1-10 million. Scheduling and case management conference continued to 9/13/17 at 9:30 a.m.

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