



COURT NEWS

Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo

2007

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INCOMING CHIEF JUDGE AND OUTGOING CHIEF JUDGE



CHIEF JUDGE VINCENT P. ZURZOLO AND
FORMER CHIEF JUDGE BARRY RUSSELL

On January 23, 2007 the change of Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge from Judge Barry Russell to Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo was commemorated at the Passing of the Gavel Ceremony in Pasadena. The United States Court of Appeals hosted the ceremony in its beautiful courthouse - formerly a hotel and resort. Approximately 240 people attended the festive event.

After Clerk of Court Jon D. Ceretto officially commenced the ceremony, Chief Judge Zurzolo thanked Judge Barry Russell and introduced the numerous other judges in attendance. Following Chief Judge Zurzolo's remarks, several judges applauded Judge Russell for his accomplishments and congratulated the new Chief Judge including Mary M. Schroeder, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Senior Judge Dorothy W. Nelson, also of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Bankruptcy Court Judge Robin L. Riblet.



ARIELLE (DAUGHTER), DANA (WIFE),
CHIEF JUDGE VINCENT P. ZURZOLO, IAN (SON)

Following the judges' speeches, Gary E. Klausner, Shareholder of Stutman Treister, Lei Lei Wang Ekvall, Partner of Weiland, Golden, Smiley, Wang Ekvall & Strok, LLP, and Robbin Itkin, Partner of Kirkland and Ellis, reminisced fondly before presenting a portrait of Judge Barry Russell by artist Roy Kim. Judge Russell admired the painting and thanked the artist and the presenters for the portrait.

After Chief Judge Alicemarie H. Stotler of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California formally appointed Chief Judge Zurzolo, an elegant reception followed the ceremony in the courthouse lobby. The reception was sponsored by generous contributions from: the University of Davis School of Law, the Beverly Hills Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, the Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys Association, the Financial Lawyers' Conference, the LACBA Commerical Law & Bankruptcy Section, and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum.

MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING THROUGH CM/ECF COMMENCES APRIL 1, 2007

Effective April 1, 2007, attorneys who file documents for five or more bankruptcy cases and/or adversary proceedings in a single calendar year must use CM/ECF, the court's electronic filing system.

For more information, please see Public Notice 07-003 RE: *Mandatory Electronic Filing Through CM/ECF Commences April 1, 2007* at www.cacb.uscourts.gov.



BANKRUPTCY JUDGE ROBERT N. KWAN SWORN IN

On February 5, 2007, Judge Robert N. Kwan was sworn in by Chief Judge Vincent P. Zurzolo in an open court ceremony at the Los Angeles Division. Approximately 50 guests attended the swearing-in including several bankruptcy judges, Judge Kwan's family, and his former colleagues from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

After receiving his judicial black robe, Judge Kwan swore in his staff, Judicial Assistant Nancy Garoutte and Law Clerk Robert Marticello. He thanked them for staying on after serving Judge John E. Ryan who recently retired.

Stay tuned for more information about Judge Kwan's formal Induction Ceremony. The event will be held in the Santa Ana Division.



CHIEF JUDGE VINCENT P. ZURZOLO AND JUDGE ROBERT N. KWAN



JUDGE RICHARD M. NEITER, JUDGE MAUREEN TIGHE, JUDGE KATHLEEN THOMPSON, JUDGE ROBERT KWAN, JUDGE BARRY RUSSELL AND JUDGE THOMAS DONOVAN

VOLUNTEER FOR THE DEBTOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DAP)

The Debtor Assistance Project (DAP) is a program of Public Counsel Law Center, the largest *pro bono* law office in the nation. As in years past, the DAP has continued to work closely with the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley divisions to provide free legal services to qualifying low-income debtors in Los Angeles County. Though the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) of 2005 has changed the way bankruptcy work is done, it has not reduced the financial pressures that drive at-risk individuals to seek bankruptcy protection. The Debtor Assistance Project seeks to serve these vulnerable populations.

The Project seeks volunteer attorneys who can provide bankruptcy assistance such as preparation of Chapter 7 petitions, debtor defense in non-dischargeability actions, counseling of *pro se* debtors at reaffirmation hearings, debtor consultations at evening bankruptcy clinics.

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JUDGE RYAN'S CASES REASSIGNED TO JUDGE KWAN

Effective February 5, 2007, all Santa Ana Division bankruptcy cases and pending adversary proceedings assigned to Judge John E. Ryan have been reassigned to Judge Robert N. Kwan.

Effective February 8, 2007, Judge Erithe A. Smith moved to Santa Ana Division's Courtroom 5A. All matters previously set on Judge Smith's calendar in Courtroom 5D will now be heard in Courtroom 5A.

Also effective February 8, 2007, Judge Kwan occupies Santa Ana Division Courtroom 5D. Matters previously set on Judge Ryan's calendar in Courtroom 5A will be heard by Judge Kwan in Courtroom 5D.

For more information, please see Public Notice 07-002 RE: *Judge Ryan's Cases Reassigned to Judge Kwan/Santa Ana Division Courtroom Changes* at www.cacb.uscourts.gov.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION INTAKE RELOCATION AND DROP BOX CLOSURES

Effective February 20, 2007, the Los Angeles Intake Section (including the Public Information area) relocated and commenced operations on the ninth floor of the Edward R. Roybal Building and Courthouse in room 940.

The new location and mailing address is:

United States Bankruptcy Court
 Edward R. Roybal Building & Courthouse
 255 E. Temple Street, Room 940
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Service at the Los Angeles Division Intake Section at 300 North Los Angeles Street discontinued at the close of business on February 16, 1007. On the same day, the drop boxes at both the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley divisions were permanently discontinued.

For more information, please see Public Notice 07-004 RE: *Los Angeles Division Intake Relocation* and Public Notice 07-005 RE: *Drop Boxes Discontinued at Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley Divisions* at www.cacb.uscourts.gov.



FILING STATISTICS

	2007 ESTIMATE JAN-FEB	2006 ACTUAL JAN-FEB	Percent Change
Central District of California			
Chapter 7	3,280	1,244	163.70%
Chapter 11	34	37	-8.10%
Chapter 13	987	357	176.50%
TOTAL*	4,302	1,638	162.60%
	12-Month Period Ending 9/30/06	12-Month Period Ending 9/30/05	Percent Change
Nationally			
Chapter 7	833,147	1,346,201	-38.1
Chapter 11	6,003	6,637	-9.6
Chapter 13	272,937	429,316	-36.4
TOTAL*	1,112,087	1,782,154	-37.6

*Excludes Chapter 9, Chapter 12, Chapter 15 and Section 304 filings

20 Largest and Other Cases of Interest Filed in the Last 24 Months*						
Debtor Name	Case Number	Date Filed	Chapter	Asset Level in Millions	Liability Level in Millions	Recent Milestone
Queen's Seaport Development, Inc.	LA-05-15175-VZ	3/16/2005	11	\$47	\$29	Hearing set on 3/6/07 for motion to approve further use of cash collateral.
Tradex LTD	LA-05-20537-RN	5/10/2005	Sect 304	Over \$100	Over \$100	Status conference rescheduled to 6/21/07.
WattsHealth Foundation, Inc., dba UHP Healthcare	LA-05-22627-TD	5/31/2005	11	\$55	\$45	Order entered on 2/26/07 to extend deadline to object to motion for order approving disclosure statement.
APX Holdings, LLC	LA-06-10875-EC	3/16/2006	7	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order entered on 2/15/07 granting motion to approve settlement agreement between chapter 7 trustee and AIF, Inc.
Marion Knight, aka Suge Knight	LA-06-11187-VZ	4/4/2006	11	\$4	\$137	Motion filed on 2/27/07 objecting to the schedule exemptions claimed by debtor.
Death Row Records, Inc	LA-06-11205-VZ	4/4/2006	11	undetermined	\$111	Notice of date change for rule 2004 examination of Don Stabler filed on 2/26/07
Los Osos Community Services District	ND-06-10548-RR	8/25/2006	9	\$1-10	Less than \$1	Order re motion for order fixing claims bar date lodged 2/23/07. Three complaints are still pending.
Santa Barbara Beach Holding, LLC	ND-06-10887-RR	11/22/2006	11	\$54	Over \$75	Hearing on sale motion held 2/21/07
Rancho Las Flores Development	RS-05-12224-MG	3/11/2005	11	\$11	\$8	Hearing on objections to claims set for March 12, 2007.
GSM Wireless	SA-05-13514-JR	5/19/2005	11	\$10-50	\$10-50	Case Converted from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 on 1/9/2007
Trigem America Corp.	SA-05-13972-TA	6/3/2005	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Chapter 11 Confirmation Hearing and Motion to Compel hearings continued to 2/28/2007.
Trigem Texas Inc.	SA-05-14047-TA	6/8/2005	11	Over \$100	Over \$100	Order re: Fee Applications entered 2/7/2007.
Window Rock Entertainment, dba Cortislim	SA-05-50048-JR	11/23/2005	11	\$18	\$162	Stipulation and order to extend the deadline to file final award of fees and expenses to May 31, 2007 Entered: 02/23/2007
Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc.	SV-06-12579-KT	12/28/2006	11	\$1-10	\$1-10	Meeting of creditors held 2/20/07.
Jill Kelly Productions, Inc.	SV-05-15389-KT	8/8/2005	11	\$1-10	\$1-10	Adversary 06-01281 filed on 10/24/06. Order denying Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay in a Non-Bankruptcy forum on 10/31/06.
Persistence Capital, LLC	SV-05-16450-KT	9/13/2005	11	\$85	\$29	341(a) Meeting rescheduled to 1/10/07.
10000 Millenium Plaza LLC	SV-05-50021-GM	10/26/2005	11	\$50-100	\$30	Disclosure Statement approved on 10/19/06; Plan confirmed on 12/14/06.
Robert Blake, aka Michael J Gubitosi	SV-06-10125-GM	2/3/2006	11	\$0.5	\$50-100	Order for examination of financial documents filed on 9/21/06.
PureBeauty, Inc.	SV-06-10545-KT	4/18/2006	11	\$10-50	\$50	Order granting motion to strike proof of claim filed on 12/21/06. Hearing to extend exclusivity period scheduled for 1/23/07 at 10 a.m.
Bodies in Motion, Inc.	SV-06-10931-GM	6/20/2006	11	\$10-50	\$50	Exclusivity period to file plan of reorganization extended to and including 1/17/06 & 3/17/07.

*based on a combination of Asset and Liability Levels, Number of creditors, high activity, and/or name recognition

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