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Case Statistics

January, 2015		Year to Date	
Ch. 7	143	Ch. 7	143
Ch. 11	4	Ch. 11	4
Ch. 12	0	Ch. 12	0
Ch. 13	381	Ch. 13	381
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
Total	528	Total	528

Judge's Initials on Documents/Orders

It is important to take note of the judge assigned to each case, due to the recent case reassignment. Judge Humrickhouse has been assigned to Greenville Division cases and Judge Warren has been assigned to New Bern Division cases. Please ensure that all pleadings filed with the court and all corresponding orders contain the correct judge's initials. Effective immediately, deficiency notices will be sent regarding all orders received with the incorrect judge's initials.

Proposed Orders

The court is receiving many proposed orders that contain "So Ordered" language after the last line of the order. This is redundant, as the electronic signature at the top of the order already includes this language. Please remove the "So Ordered" language from any future orders submitted to the court.

On a Personal Note **Judge Randy Davis Doub**

Randy D. Doub, Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, passed away Saturday, January 24, 2015 at his home. He was 59.

Judge Doub practiced law in private practice for almost 26 years in Greenville, North Carolina. He attended East Carolina University and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1977, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Business Administration. He obtained his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980. While in law school, he served on the Holderness Moot Court bench and was a member of Phi Delta Phi. While in private practice, Judge Doub actively represented debtors and creditors and served as a Chapter 7 Trustee and Attorney for Trustee for 15 years. He was a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees (NABT) and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA). Judge Doub was a member of the Pitt County Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina State Bar.

While in private practice, Judge Doub served on the Bankruptcy Council of the North Carolina Bar Association. He was certified as a Consumer Bankruptcy Specialist by the North Carolina State Bar and was certified as a Board Certified Mediator by the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. In 1985, he was appointed by Governor James G. Martin to serve on the North Carolina Board of Transportation, serving until July 1990. In July 2006, Judge Doub was appointed by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to serve as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina and served as Chief Judge from July 2007 to July 2014. He was appointed to the Space and Security Advisory Council by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in 2008. He was a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) and served on the legislative committee.

As a Boy Scout, in his hometown of Pfafftown, near Winston-Salem, Judge Doub was a member of Troop 946, Old Hickory Council. In 1971, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. As an adult, he served on the Pack Committee for Cub Scout Pack 36, East Carolina Council. He also served on the Troop Committee for Troop 30, East Carolina Council, and served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 9, East Carolina Council, where his two sons are Eagle Scouts. Judge Doub regularly served as a Merit Badge Counselor and taught classes for Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Personal Management and Family Life merit badges.

Judge Doub was committed to his Christian faith. He put his faith and family above all else. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was very patriotic and loved his country. He loved his work and all of the court family. He had a passion for Christian music and playing the piano. He was a member of the choir at Unity Free Will Baptist Church and cherished visits to sing at nursing homes. He was a loyal East Carolina Pirate fan.

Judge Doub was a beloved part of our court family, and he will be greatly missed.

New CM/ECF Events

Three new events have been added in CM/ECF as follows:

Pay Fee – Installments (Ch. 11)

Pay Fee – Installments (Ch. 13)

Pay Fee – Installments (Ch. 7)

These events allow attorneys to pay filing fee installments for debtors through pay.gov. When docketing the event, simply enter the installment amount to be paid, and an internet fee will be created in that amount. It is no longer necessary to mail a check or come into the clerk's office to make installment payments after a case has been filed. Please note that pro se debtors will still have to pay their installments via cash or money order in the office or by mail.

Service on the Bankruptcy Administrator

When a new Chapter 11 case is filed, the BA is not immediately added as a party in the case in order to receive notices of electronic filing. The court has received several first day motions recently indicating that the BA was served electronically when she had not been. This is happening with some Chapter 7 motions as well, with the assumption that the BA is already a party in the case. Please let this serve as a reminder to check under Query>Party for each individual case in order to ensure that the BA will receive electronic notice before indicating such on a certificate of service.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q. I attached the incorrect PDF to a docket entry and received a deficiency notice. Should I re-file the pleading using the same event code, or should I file it as an amendment?

A. Neither. The correct PDF should be docketed using the "Corrected PDF Attachment" event under the Miscellaneous category, and should refer to the prior docket entry containing the incorrect PDF. Upon filing of the correct document, a corrective entry will be made.

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