

# ECF Court Link

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# **Case Statistics**

March, 2015		Year to Date	
Ch. 7	218	<i>Ch.</i> 7	531
Ch. 11	11	Ch. 11	21
Ch. 12	2	Ch. 12	3
Ch. 13	429	Ch. 13	1209
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
Total	660	Total	1764

#### **On a Personal Note**

It is with utmost sadness and regret that the court informs you of the passing of Peggy B. Deans, former Clerk of Court of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Ms. Deans was killed in an automobile accident on Friday, April 3, 2015. Ms. Deans served as the court's first Clerk of Court, working with the court from 1975 until 2009, when she retired to spend time with her beloved husband, Ken, her son and daughter-in-law, Ken, Jr. and Amy, and her precious grandson, Tripp. Peggy was instrumental in bringing the court into the technological age by implementing electronic record-keeping and electronic filing, and supporting Judge Leonard's CourtSpeak project, advancing these initiatives well in advance of their national adoption. Peggy was also involved in numerous projects with the Administrative Office of the Courts throughout her career. Peggy was a treasured part of our court family, and she will be greatly missed.

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# Updates to Local Rule 4002-1

Local Rule 4002-1(c) and (e) have been updated with respect to amendments/modifications to the Chapter 11 or 12 Plan. The following provisions shall apply in both Chapter 11 and 12 cases:

#### FILING OF AMENDED PLANS OR MODIFICATIONS TO PLANS.

The filing of an amended plan or modification to plan shall be accompanied by either a redlined copy of the plan, illustrating changes made to the last submitted plan, or by a summary or description of changes that the amended plan or modification to plan makes to the last submitted plan.

#### FILING OF FINAL INTEGRATED PLAN UPON CONFIRMATION.

Upon confirmation, the debtor shall submit with the order confirming plan a final, integrated copy of the confirmed plan, including all amendments or modifications adopted at the time of confirmation.

Effective immediately, a redline copy or summary must be attached to all Chapter 11 and 12 Plan amendments or modifications filed with the court.

# **Redacted Proofs of Claim**

When a Motion to Restrict Public Access is filed regarding a proof of claim, the court enters a form order which directs as follows:

"that a redacted proof of claim and/or exhibits shall be filed within 30 days of the date of this order. Restricted public access to the original proof of claim and/or exhibits shall not be effective until the redacted proof of claim and/or exhibits are filed."

Please note that an amended proof of claim must be filed within 30 days as directed in the order, or no action will be taken to restrict public access to the original proof of claim.

## Signed Order Processing

We ask that you please be patient with our staff regarding the processing of orders submitted to the court. Currently, there are only two judges handling the court's caseload, and there may be delays in the signing of orders. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation, and for your understanding during this time of transition.

#### Orders to Extend Automatic Stay

It is no longer necessary to submit a proposed order with Motions to Extend Automatic Stay, The judges are preparing their own orders with regard to this motion. A display message has been added to the event in CM/ECF as a reminder.

## Credit Card Payments

Starting May 1, 2015, the clerk's office will no longer accept credit cards for fees charged at the front counters in Raleigh and Greenville due to increased credit card security regulations. The court will continue to accept credit card payments online through pay.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Castelloe via e-mail at <u>christine\_castelloe@nceb.uscourts.gov</u>.

#### **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

**Q.** I filed a Debtor's Report Upon Conversion in a case recently converted from Chapter 13 to Chapter 7, and I received a deficiency notice to pay the \$30 amendment fee for adding creditors. I thought there was no fee associated with adding creditors pursuant to this report. Should the \$30 fee have been charged?

**A.** The Debtor's Report Upon Conversion should be filed within 14 days after conversion of the case. If the report is filed past the 14 days, the amendment fee is required if creditors have been added to the case.

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