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Case Statistics

August, 2015		Year to Date	
Ch. 7	172	Ch. 7	1497
Ch. 11	6	Ch. 11	55
Ch. 12	1	Ch. 12	6
Ch. 13	364	Ch. 13	3152
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
Total	543	Total	4710

Reminder: Emergency Text Alerts from the Court

This should serve as a reminder that emergency text alerts from the court are now available. You can sign up to be notified by text message when the court announces a closure or delay due to inclement weather. To enroll in this service, click [here](#) and follow these instructions:

*Change the **Subscription Type** from "Email" to "SMS/Text Message".*

*Enter your mobile phone number with area code in the **Wireless Number** box and click Submit.*

*On the following screen, you will be asked to confirm your wireless number by entering it in the **Confirm Wireless Number** box. Confirm your number by re-entering it and click Submit. You will receive a confirmation text message on your mobile device.*

There is no cost from the court for this service; however, your wireless carrier's standard message and data rates may apply.

Bankruptcy Forms Updates

*Most Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted and renumbered versions **effective December 1, 2015**, if approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2015 meeting.*

These new forms are part of a forms modernization project that began in 2008 by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. Among other things, the new forms introduce different versions of case opening forms for individual debtors and non-individual debtors. The new forms are easier for debtors to understand and complete, and are designed to work with scheduled enhancements to the federal courts' case opening and electronic case management system.

Some of the modernized forms are already in effect and will simply be renumbered on December 1, 2015. Other forms were published for public comment in August 2013 or 2014 and have been approved by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. All but six existing official forms are on track to be replaced by modernized versions.

The following official forms are scheduled to be replaced: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6 Summary, 6 Declaration, 6A-J, 7, 8, 9A-I, 10, 10A, 10S1, 10S2, 11A, 11B, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16C, 16D, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19, 22A1 through 22C2, 23 and 27.

The following six official forms will be revised in 2016 or later: 20A, 20B, 25A, 25B, 25C, and 26.

Virtually all the director's bankruptcy forms (current forms 13S, 15S, 18F-18WH, and 104-283) are also scheduled to be replaced by updated and renumbered versions on December 1, 2015.

*Please be advised that the court will allow a 30 day grace period after the updated forms take effect in order for attorneys to make any necessary updates. Beginning **January 1, 2016**, it will be expected that the most current forms be filed, and deficiency notices will be issued accordingly in cases in which the old forms have been used.*

Hummingbird

Please be advised that Hummingbird Credit Counseling & Education, Inc. will be removed from the list of approved providers in the Eastern District of North Carolina as a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency and as a provider of a personal financial management instructional course pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 111 on September 11, 2015. No certificate for either credit counseling or financial management from Hummingbird dated after Friday, September 11, 2015 will be accepted by the Court as meeting the requirements for completion of the mandated courses.

Reminder: DeBN

This should serve as a reminder that the court is now using the Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN) program. This program allows debtors to receive orders and notices sent by the Court via email through the BNC. The registration form is located on our website under Local Forms and debtors are being notified via the Order & Notice to Debtor. If you would like to obtain further information about this program, please click on the link below.

<http://www.nceb.uscourts.gov/debtor-electronic-bankruptcy-noticing>

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q. I filed a Motion for Disbursement of attorney fees in a dismissed Chapter 13 case, and I received a deficiency notice requesting that a 14 day notice be filed. Is this a new requirement?

A. Yes. An administrative order was entered by the Judges on August 6, 2015 that requires a 14 day notice served on the debtor(s) and trustee with regard to motions for disbursement of attorney fees in dismissed, unconfirmed Chapter 13 cases.

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