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CM/ECF Downtime

Please be advised that CM/ECF will be unavailable beginning **Saturday, November 4th through Sunday, November 5th** for a scheduled upgrade. If the system becomes available prior to this time, a notice will be sent out. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Case Statistics

September, 2017		Year to Date	
Ch. 7	167	Ch. 7	1685
Ch. 11	7	Ch. 11	61
Ch. 12	0	Ch. 12	3
Ch. 13	338	Ch. 13	3038
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
Total	512	Total	4787

New CM/ECF Event

Although debtor attorneys have always had the ability to file their own motions to confirm Chapter 13 cases, they previously had to request the Generic Motion event in order to do so. In order to accommodate these filings, the following event has been created under the Motions/Applications category:

Confirm Plan (Ch 13 – By Debtor)

December 1st Rule and Form Changes

ATTENTION: Please see below for significant upcoming changes to the Bankruptcy Rules and Forms!

Bankruptcy Forms Amendments

*On September 12, 2017, the Judicial Conference approved several amendments to Official Forms. These amendments will go into effect on **December 1, 2017**. The affected forms are as follows:*

*Official Form 101 (Voluntary Petition – Individuals)
Official Form 309F (Notice of Chapter 11 Case – Corporations)
Official Form 309G (Notice of Chapter 12 Case – Individuals)
Official Form 309H (Notice of Chapter 12 Case – Corporations)
Official Form 309I (Notice of Chapter 13 Case)
Official Form 425A (Chapter 11 Plan – Small Business)
Official Form 425B (Disclosure Statement – Small Business)
Official Form 425C (Chapter 11 Monthly Report – Small Business)
Official Form 426 (Periodic Report on Entities)*

Chapter 13 Plan Form

*In addition, a package of Chapter 13 amendments will be effective **December 1, 2017**. This affects existing Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 3002, 3007, 3012, 3015, 4003, 5009, 7001 and 9009, and adopts new Rule 3015.1, which requires use of a new form for Chapter 13 Plans (Official Form 113). The EDNC has decided to adopt a local form for Chapter 13 Plans that meets the requirements set out in the new Rule. The form is currently being created in PDF fillable format and will be posted on the court's website as soon as it is available.*

Details on all of the upcoming December 1st changes may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Motions to Sell Free & Clear

Please be advised that the notice time for Motions to Sell Free and Clear of Liens is being updated to from 14 days to 21 days. The Administrative Guide will be updated accordingly.

On a Personal Note

Please join the court in welcoming Ahrona Crossman, who began work as an Assistant Case Administrator in the Raleigh office on October 2nd.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q. I filed a petition on behalf of a debtor, and it includes an application to pay the filing fee in installments. How do I only pay a portion of the filing fee at this time?

A. Under the Miscellaneous category, select the "Pay Fee – Installments" event for the applicable case chapter. The event will ask you for the dollar amount you wish to pay. Once you submit the entry, an internet payment will be generated in that amount for you to pay through Utilities.

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