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## Case Statistics

<i>August , 2014</i>		<i>Year to Date</i>	
<i>Ch. 7</i>	<i>181</i>	<i>Ch. 7</i>	<i>1590</i>
<i>Ch. 11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Ch. 11</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Ch. 12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Ch. 12</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Ch. 13</i>	<i>446</i>	<i>Ch. 13</i>	<i>3350</i>
<i>Ch. 9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Ch. 9</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Ch. 15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Ch. 15</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>635</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>5014</i>

## On a Personal Note

*Please join the court in welcoming Charles “Ches” Franklin McDowell, IV, who began as law clerk to Judge Warren on September 17<sup>th</sup>.*

*Also, please join the court in welcoming Emily Mather, who began as law clerk to Judge Humrickhouse on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## Motions to Sell Free & Clear

*If a motion to sell property includes a provision that the sale be free and clear of liens, the Sell Free & Clear event must be docketed and the applicable \$176.00 filing fee paid before the court will consider the motion.*

## **Courthouse Security Screening Time**

*by Christine Castelloe*

*Security lines are frustrating – it doesn't matter if you're trying to catch a flight at the airport, attend a sporting event, or get into the courthouse on time; none of us like to wait in long security lines. Unlike the airport, the courthouse does not have a TSA pre-check express line (although we have been asked). The security check point in our Century Station courthouse is very cramped, and we appreciate your patience when visiting us. Please make every effort to arrive well in advance of your hearing time to mitigate your security waiting time. Also, please remind your clients to bring their identification with them (but not their cell phones and weapons). Our Court Security Officers spend an inordinate amount of time collecting cell phones and pocket knives, slowing down the process for everyone else. And while many of our frequent visitors believe they should qualify for express treatment, our Court Security Officers are required to screen all visitors in the same manner. Thank you for your cooperation and your patience.*

## **Requests for Additional Time to Submit Orders**

*After a matter has been removed from the calendar prior to hearing, or after a hearing is held, parties are generally given 30 days from the hearing date in order to submit the related order or consent order. If you find that you require additional time in order to submit the order/consent order to the court, please docket the "Request for Additional Time to Submit Order/Consent Order" event under the Miscellaneous category. This event allows you to indicate how much more time is needed (5 days, 7 days, 10 days or other), as well as provide the reason for the request.*

## **Address for the U.S. Attorney General**

*Please note that the correct address for the U.S Attorney General's office is as follows:*

*950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530*

### **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

**Q.** I received a deficiency notice that states "The order should not contain language referencing the undersigned judge." What does this mean?

**A.** Proposed orders that are submitted to the court should not contain any language referring to "the undersigned judge" or "by the undersigned". This is incorrect, as orders are electronically signed at the top of the document.

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