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Case Statistics

February, 2020		Year to Date	
<i>Ch.</i> 7	130	<i>Ch.</i> 7	275
Ch. 11	4	Ch. 11	7
Ch. 12	0	Ch. 12	0
Ch. 13	298	Ch. 13	580
<i>Ch.</i> 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
Total	432	Total	862

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General Order re: Coronavirus

A general order was issued on March 13, 2020 by the United States District Court restricting entry to courthouses in the Eastern District of North Carolina. The order may be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>.

341 Meetings

All 341 meetings scheduled to be held between March 16, 2020 and March 27, 2020, are postponed. Notices with new dates will be served by the clerk's office once those dates have been determined.

General Order Temporarily Suspending Original Signatures

A general order was issued on March 18, 2020 temporarily suspending the requirement to obtain original signatures from debtors for electronic filings. The order is in effect through May 31, 2020. The order may be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>

Third Amended General Order

A third amended general order regarding chapter 13 confirmation procedures was issued on March 17, 2020. The order amends the second amended general order by amending paragraph 6 to require 21 days notice of an amended plan prior to the confirmation hearing. The order may be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>.

Local Rules Update – Compensation of Professionals

A general order was issued on March 18, 2020 regarding compensation of professionals. The order amends Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(a)(1) and (c). The order may be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>.

Local Rules Amendment – Chapter 12 Debtor Duties

A general order was issued on March 18, 2020 regarding Chapter 12 debtor duties. The order adopts primarily stylistic changes to Local Bankruptcy Rule 4002-1(e) and(f). The order may be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>.

An updated version of the local rules has been posted to the court's website at <u>https://www.nceb.uscourts.gov/court-info/local-rules-and-orders</u>

Communication with the Court

It is the Judges' preference that all issues and matters relating to the court, even those not tied to a specific case, be brought to their attention through the clerk's office. If a matter is not tied to a specific case, please communicate directly with the Clerk of Court via email (<u>stephanie_butler@nceb.uscourts.gov</u>). Please do not communicate directly with the judges. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q. I am paying a filing fee in CM/ECF. The payment screen froze and then canceled out. Shall I attempt to pay the fee again?

A. No. Please contact the court prior to trying to make the payment again. We can confirm whether or not the payment actually went through. If you process the payment again, there may be a duplicate payment made and a Motion for Refund required. The financial specialist may be reached at Carrie_Wiggins@nceb.uscourts.gov.

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