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#### Case Statistics

August, 2020		Year to Date	
Ch. 7	120	Ch. 7	1178
Ch. 11	6	Ch. 11	29
Ch. 12	0	Ch. 12	2
Ch. 13	141	Ch. 13	1776
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
Total	267	Total	2985

# Extension of General Order Temporarily Suspending Original Signatures

A general order was issued on August 28, 2020 by the Judges for the EDNC. This general order extends the previous order temporarily suspending the requirement to obtain original signatures from debtors for electronic filings. The order is now in effect through December 31, 2020. It may be viewed by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Attaching Exhibits to Orders

The court prefers that exhibits attached to a motion are not then attached a second time to the related proposed order. Please simply reference the exhibits in your order (ex. "Exhibit A attached to the motion") rather than attaching them again. Tables and unusual characters contained within exhibits are causing errors when orders are being served via the noticing center.

## **Updated Case Assignments**

Our case assignments will change effective October 5, 2020. Please review the updated list for Case Administrators and Operations Analysts below. If you have any questions relating to a specific case, please contact the appropriate person based on the last two digits of the case number.

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#### **Relating Documents**

One of the most common filing errors being reported in CM/ECF are docket entries that are not properly linked. Here are some simple Do's and Don't's for relating documents:

DO always refer a Certificate of Service to the pleading that is being served. DON'T refer to a prior Certificate of Service or to a Deficiency Notice.

If you are serving the notice of the Meeting of Creditors in addition to amended schedules, DO refer the Certificate of Service to the 341 Notice in addition to the applicable amendment.

DON'T refer amended schedules to the petition, or to any previously filed amendments.

DO always refer a Response to the pleading you are objecting to. This includes amended responses. DON'T refer to a prior response.

<u>Additional Reminder</u>: When filing an amended motion, <u>DON'T</u> select the same event a second time. <u>DO</u> select Amended/Amendment to Motion/Application and <u>DO</u> refer to the original motion/application.

#### **Service Agents**

This should serve as a reminder that if you represent a bank or other entity that has a service agent, you can have this information posted on the court's website. If the service agent's information is already posted on the website, please review it for accuracy.

#### Electronic Withdrawal of Claim (eWOC)

Beginning on October 1, 2020, Proofs of Claim may be withdrawn directly on the court's website. The eWOC program is a quick way to file a Notice of Withdrawal of Claim electronically without a login or password. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, more information will be found at the below link.

https://www.nceb.uscourts.gov/proof-claims

### <u>Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules Published for Public</u> <u>Comment</u>

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Rules have proposed amendments to the following rules and have asked that they be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment.

Appellate Rule: 25

**Bankruptcy Rules**: Restyled Rules Parts I and II; Rules 1007, 1020, 2009, 2012, 2015, 3002, 3010, 3011, 3014, 3016, 3017.1, 3017.2 (new), 3018, 3019, 5005, 7004, and 8023; and Official Forms 101, 122B, 201, 309E-1, 309E-2, 309F-1, 309F-2, 314, 315, and 425A

Civil Rules: Rule 12 and Supplemental Rules for Social Security Review Actions Under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)

#### Criminal Rule: 16

The proposed amendments and the advisory committees' reports explaining the proposed changes are posted on the Judiciary's website at:

<u>http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment.</u>

The information is posted in a printable format for those who prefer hard-copy documents.

The public comment period opens on August 14, 2020 and closes on February 16, 2021.

#### QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

- **Q.** Sometimes I have trouble finding something I need to file in the CM/ECF events listing. Is there an easy way to locate items in CM/ECF?
- **A.** Yes. There is a "Search" feature located on the top tool bar that will allow you to search by keyword. If the event you're searching for does not appear, you can contact the CM/ECF Help Desk as a generic event may be needed.

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