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## Case Statistics

March, 2021		Year to Date	
Ch. 7	127	Ch. 7	319
Ch. 11	3	Ch. 11	6
Ch. 12	0	Ch. 12	3
Ch. 13	165	Ch. 13	420
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>748</b>

April, 2021		Year to Date	
Ch. 7	149	Ch. 7	468
Ch. 11	3	Ch. 11	9
Ch. 12	0	Ch. 12	3
Ch. 13	127	Ch. 13	547
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1027</b>

## Extension of General Order Temporarily Suspending Original Signatures

*A general order was issued on April 1, 2021 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 June 30, 2021.*

## Testing Audio/Video Conferencing

*Test remote audio/video conferencing sessions are available via appointment from 11:30 to noon EST on Mondays. Please email [ncebml\\_VTCTest@nceb.uscourts.gov](mailto:ncebml_VTCTest@nceb.uscourts.gov) for connection information.*

## **Amendment to FRBP 9036**

*Since 1994, the courts have utilized the services of the Bankruptcy Noticing Center to provide cost savings to the Judiciary by centrally producing and transmitting electronic and paper notices for all of the bankruptcy courts. Since its inception, the BNC program has provided efficient notice delivery options to recipients. The Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (EBN) feature allows for delivery via email rather than U. S. Mail. Many have taken advantage of the program and have benefitted by streamlining their procedures in relation to court correspondence. This has proven beneficial for the courts as well and has saved the Judiciary more than \$100 million over court-based noticing. In order to further the cost savings initiative, an amendment to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9036 will become effective December 1, 2021, unless Congress takes action to the contrary. The amendment will provide the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AO) with the authority to require that certain high-volume paper notice recipients receive court-generated bankruptcy notices electronically. This will allow the clerk to send the notice to or serve the paper electronically at an address designated by the Director, unless the entity has designated an address under Section 342(e) or (f) of the Code, or previously registered an electronic address with the BNC program. The rule as amended will decrease the number of paper notices sent through the U. S. Mail and further increase savings for the Judiciary.*

*The pending rules amendments can be found by clicking [here](#).*

### **QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:**

**Q.** I need to update the primary and secondary emails on my CM/ECF account. Do I need to contact the Helpdesk?

**A.** No. In order to update your secondary emails, you can login to your account, select Utilities, then Maintain Your ECF Account and then Email Information. Primary emails must be updated through your PACER account under Manage My Account.

## **Reminder: Updated Quarterly Fee Schedule**

*The Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act of 2020, Pub. L. No. 116-325, enacted on January 12, 2021, temporarily amended the calculation of chapter 11 quarterly fees for calendar quarters **beginning April 1, 2021** through December 31, 2025. Under this amendment, the quarterly fee payable for a calendar quarter shall be the greater of: (1) 0.4% of disbursements or \$250 for each quarter in which disbursements total less than \$1,000,000, and (2) 0.8% of disbursements but not more than \$250,000 for each quarter in which disbursements total at least \$1,000,000. The following table displays the disbursement ranges and quarterly fees under the amended quarterly fee schedule for calendar quarters beginning April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.*

<b>TOTAL QUARTERLY DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>QUARTERLY FEE</b>
\$0 to \$62,624	\$250
\$62,625 to \$999,999	0.4% of quarterly disbursements
\$1,000,000 to \$31,249,937	0.8% of quarterly disbursements
\$31,249,938 or more	\$250,000

*The amended fee schedule applies to ALL PENDING CHAPTER 11 CASES except those filed under 11 U.S.C. §§1181 et. seq.*

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