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Case Statistics

	February, 2022		Year to Date
Ch. 7	85	Ch. 7	138
Ch. 11	3	Ch. 11	3
Ch. 12	1	Ch. 12	1
Ch. 13	135	Ch. 13	290
Ch. 9	0	Ch. 9	0
Ch. 15	0	Ch. 15	0
Total	224	Total	432

Notice From the BA on 341 Meetings

The Bankruptcy Administrator has determined that 341 Meetings in cases filed under Chapters 7, 12, and 13 shall continue to be held by virtual means, Zoom and Zoom.gov, through December 31, 2022. During this time, the BA will assess the viability of continuing virtual 341 meetings past December 31, 2022. The Trustee and/or the BA may, at their discretion, determine that an initial, continued, or adjourned 341 meeting shall be conducted in person. All parties are reminded that 341 meetings are an official proceeding, and that appropriate decorum is required. Rules of conduct regarding virtual meetings can be found on the Bankruptcy Administrator's website: <https://www.nceba.uscourts.gov/rules-conduct-virtual-341-meetings>.

341 Meetings in cases commenced or converted to Chapter 11, including subchapter V cases, will return to in-person 341 Meetings beginning on May 1, 2022.

Questions regarding this policy should be brought to the attention of Marjorie Lynch or Brian Behr.

Message From the BA re: Zoom

As we complete our first month of conducting 341 Meetings via Zoom, the BA would like to remind all parties of the Rules for Conduct of Virtual 341 Meetings and urge everyone to make their clients aware of these rules and the importance of following them:

Rules for Conduct of Virtual 341 Meetings

- 1. Speak clearly and limit all background noise while your meeting is being held.*

Debtors unable to access the meeting should contact their attorneys as to how to proceed.

- 2. Only debtors and their counsel as well as creditors or interested parties will be allowed during the meeting, i.e., no “moral support” or supplementary answers to be provided by friends or family.*

- 3. If a represented debtor is on the meeting without counsel, the meeting will be continued.*

- 4. All parties appearing on video must be appropriately dressed-proper coverage and no apparel with inappropriate language or inflammatory statements.*

- 5. THE DEBTOR AND COUNSEL MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A 341 FROM A VEHICLE, MOVING OR OTHERWISE. Both must be in a physical room without noise or other distractions.***

- 6. Failure to abide by these rules may result in rescheduling of the 341 meeting to be held on an in person basis in the sole discretion of the trustee.*

Please direct your questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the virtual 341 meeting process to Brian Behr.

Adjustment of Certain Dollar Amounts Applicable to Bankruptcy Cases

On April 1, 2022, adjustments to the dollar amounts stated in various provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and one provision of Title 28 of the United States Code will go into effect for cases filed on or after that date. The adjustments' timing and calculation are codified in 11 U.S.C. § 104. The adjusted dollar amounts will affect various bankruptcy matters and forms, which may be viewed in more detail by clicking [here](#).

Who Should You Call?

Do you have a question you need answered, but aren't sure who at the court can best answer it? Here are some general guidelines to follow when searching for the right contact person:

Are you looking for general case information? Did you receive a deficiency notice and are unsure of how to proceed? Are you looking for the status of an order or other document in a case?

Call a Case Administrator.

Do you need to know how to file a particular document? Are you having difficulty using electronic filing? Have you made an error that needs to be corrected?

Call a CM/ECF Analyst.

Are you looking for information regarding scheduling? Would you like a hearing continued or removed from the calendar? Do you need a transcript or CD of a hearing?

Call a Courtroom Deputy or Court Recorder.

Do you need guidance regarding service and notice requirements, or a particular rule? Do you have a question regarding an administrative procedure or general court operations?

Call an Operations Analyst or Supervisor.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q. I am filing a Notice of Appearance in a case on behalf of the following creditor. Is it necessary for me to enter the full name when adding the creditor to the case?

PHH Mortgage Corporation as servicer for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-TC1

A. No. The court prefers that the creditor be entered into the database without servicers, successors, trustees, etc. Also, using all CAPS should be avoided and quotation marks should be omitted. These create issues with the online Proof of Claim feature. In this case, entering the creditor as PHH Mortgage Corporation is sufficient.

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