



# **What We Will Be Covering**

- Service Issues for Plans and Related Filings
- Local Rule Changes Impacting 13's
- HELOCs
- Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 5009
- Walking Through the Chapter 13 Plan

### Service Issues: What Needs 7004 Service?

Plans that will Cram Down or Avoid (unless by separate motion/claim objection)

Motions to Avoid

Claim Objections that Avoid – See General Order 22-2

Claim Objections – United States and FDIC Banks

- See Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3007(a)(2)(A)
- Notice Address AND 7004 service see Judge Humphrey handout on service on United States and FDIC Banks
- To not have to serve counsel because she filed the proof of claim anymore See General Order 22-2

Possibly Other Motions that Particularly Affect Specific Creditors

## Rule 7004 Service Requirements - Specific Issues

### **Corporations v. FDIC Banks:**

See Judge Humphrey handout— distinguish between rules for corporations and FDIC banks.

- Is the Party an FDIC Bank? https://research.fdic.gov/bankfind/
- Service Information on Ohio Corporations needed? https://businesssearch.sos.state.oh.us/
- Service Information on Federal and State Government Units needed? Clerk's Register of Mailing Addresses of Federal and State Government Units is available on the court's web page (updated yearly) <a href="https://www.ohsb.uscourts.gov/clerks-register">https://www.ohsb.uscourts.gov/clerks-register</a>. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 5003(e).

Represent a government unit? – form available to add preferred address to register.

# **Other Service and Notice Issues**

Consider Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN) – debtors can receive all orders and court notices electronically – SEE HANDOUT.

### Motions to shorten time -

Needs to be a persuasive reason that waiting 24 days has a negative effect on the merit motion – SEE LBR 9073-1(a)(2).

### Third Party Notice Providers -

Approved providers at <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/approved-bankruptcy-notice-providers">http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/approved-bankruptcy-notice-providers</a>.

New Form Certificate of Service to be added to the Local Rules – will account for Rule 7004 service and use of third party notice providers.

### **New Form Certificate of Service**

### LBR 9013-3 - NOT YET APPROVED

Sample Certificate of Service

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Thereby certify that a copy of the foregoing (specific name of filing) was served electronically on the date of filing through the court's ECF System on all ECF participants registered in this case at the email address registered with the court and

For parties served by ordinary U.S. Mail:

by ordinary U.S. Mail on (month). (day). (year) addressed to:

(Name) (Mailing address)

For parties served other than by ordinary U.S. Mail pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7004:

By [certified mail or other method of service] on  $\underline{\text{(month)}}$ .  $\underline{\text{(day)}}$ .  $\underline{\text{(year)}}$  addressed to:

(Name) (Mailing address)

For parties served using a Third-Party Notice Provider approved by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9001(9) and 2002(g)(4), add the following language:

And The Creditors and Parties in Interest as shown on the (attached or separately filed) Declaration of Mailing and Certificate of Service on (month). (day). (year)

Name





# Proposed LBR Changes — Coming in 2019 [NOT FINALIZED YET, THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST OF THE CHANGES]

LBR 1016-1 – requiring debtor counsel to file a statement of death of a debtor and the date of death, allowing for a motion to waive certification requirements for discharge, and automatically waiving the financial management class requirement.

Rule 2016-1(b)(2)(iv) – incorporating GO allowing separate fees for avoiding liens in the plan, but not for a Rule 5009(d) motion.

**Rule 3015-1** – incorporating GO providing for the district-wide plan and service by the debtor.

Rule 3015-3(a) – any timely objection within 7 days of the confirmation date will require a rescheduled confirmation hearing.

Rule 3015-3(e) – any party granted a rescheduled confirmation hearing before the originally scheduled confirmation hearing date shall serve a notice on all creditors and parties in interest of the rescheduled hearing.

**Rule 3022-2** – Local form [LBR Form 3022-2] for Certification Regarding Issuance of Discharge must be filed within 21 days of the Certification of Final Payment or the case may be closed without issuance of a discharge.

**Rule 9072-1** – All Filing Parties service designation being eliminated from use in Orders: Use Default List, Default List Plus Additional Parties, or All Creditors and Parties in Interest.

General Order 22-2 will be incorporated into the changes to the Local Bankruptcy Rules. Those LBR changes are likely to come into effect in 2019.

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## **HELOC CHANGE**

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE $^{\rm 1}$

Rule 3002.1 Notice Relating to Claims Secured by Security Interest in the Debtor's Principal Residence

(b) NOTICE OF PAYMENT CHANGES: 6 OBJECTION. (1) Notice. The holder of the claim shall file and serve on the debtor, debtor's counsel, and the trustee a notice of any change in the payment amount, 10 including any change that results from an interest-rate or escrow\_account adjustment, no later than 21 days before a payment in the new amount is due. If the 12 13 claim arises from a home-equity line of credit, this requirement may be modified by court order.

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15 (2) Objection. A party in interest who objects 16 to the payment change may file a motion to determine 17 whether the change is required to maintain payments 18 in accordance with § 1322(b)(5) of the Code. If no 19 motion is filed by the day before the new amount is 20 due, the change goes into effect, unless the court 21 orders otherwise.

22 23 (e) DETERMINATION OF FEES, EXPENSES, OR 24 CHARGES. On motion of a party in interest the debtor or 25 trustee filed within one year after service of a notice under 26 subdivision (c) of this rule, the court shall, after notice and 27 hearing, determine whether payment of any claimed fee, 28 expense, or charge is required by the underlying agreement 29 and applicable nonbankruptcy law to cure a default or 30 maintain payments in accordance with § 1322(b)(5) of the

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## **COMMITTEE NOTE 3002.1**

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#### Committee Note

Subdivision (b) is subdivided and amended in two respects. First, it is amended in what is now subdivision (b)(1) to authorize courts to modify its requirements for claims arising from home equity lines of reefit (HELOCS). Because payments on HELOCS may adjust frequently and in small amounts, the rule provides flexibility for courts to specify alternative procedures for keeping the person who is maintaining payments on the loan apprised of the current payment amount. Courts may specify alternative requirements for providing notice of changes in HELOC payment amounts by local rules or orders in individual cases.

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Cases, and wat is now subdivision (b)(2) is amended to acknowledge the right of the trustee, debtor, or other party in interest, such as the United States trustee, to object to a change in a home-mortgage payment amount after receiving notice of the change under subdivision (b)(1). The amended rule does not set a deadline for filing a motion for a determination of the validity of the payment change, but it provides as a general matter—subject to a contrary court order—that if no motion has been filed on or before the day before the change is to take effect, the announced change goes into effect. If there is a later motion and a determination that the payment change was not required to maintain payments under § 1322(b)(5), appropriate adjustments will have to be made to reflect any overpayments. If, however, a motion is made during the time specified in subdivision (b)(2), leading to a suspension of the payment change, a determination that the payment

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change was valid will require the debtor to cure the resulting default in order to be current on the mortgage at the end of the bankruptcy case.

Subdivision (e) is amended to allow parties in interest in addition to the debtor or trustee, such as the United States trustee, to seek a determination regarding the validity of any claimed fee, expense, or charge.

Pending LBR change that would implement the national change regarding HELOC:

3002.1–1 CLAIMS — SECURED BY A SECURITY INTEREST IN THE DEBTOR'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE – NOTICE AND DETERMINATION

If a claim arises from a home-equity line of credit, the notice of any change in payment amount may be filed and served on the debtor, debtor's counsel, and the trustee no later than six months after entry of the order for relief, and not less frequently than every six months thereafter, provided that any notice of change in payment amount must be filed and served no later than 21 days before a payment in the new amount is due. The payment amount shall be fixed until a subsequent notice of change in payment amount is filed. A subsequent notice of change in payment amount shall include any reconciliation needed to account for interest rate adjustments or balance changes since the last notice was filed.



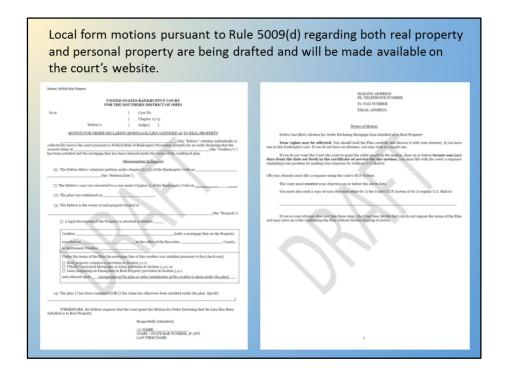
## New Option for Addressing Liens at the End of the Chapter 13 Case

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 5009(d) - Order Declaring Lien Satisfied. In a chapter 12 or chapter 13 case, if a claim that was secured by property of the estate is subject to a lien under applicable nonbankruptcy law, the debtor may request entry of an order declaring that the secured claim has been satisfied and the lien has been released under the terms of a confirmed plan. The request shall be made by motion and shall be served on the holder of the claim and any other entity the court designates in the manner provided by Rule 7004 for service of a summons and complaint.

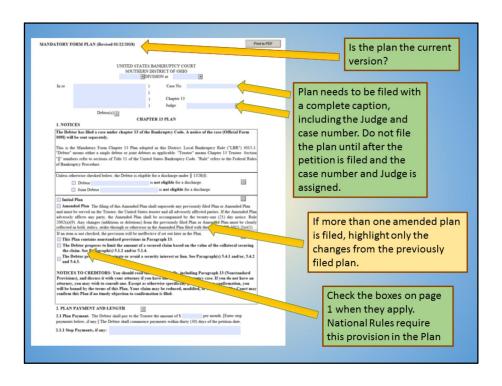


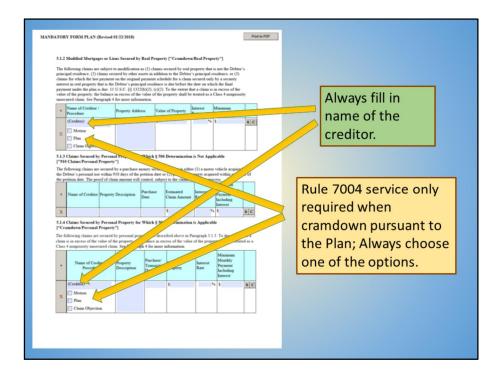
### 2017 Amendments

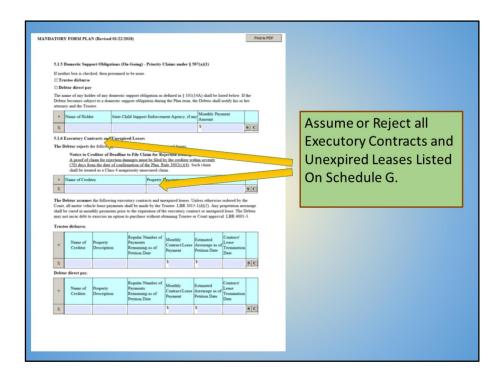
Subdivision (d) is added to provide a procedure by which a debtor in a chapter 12 or chapter 13 case may request an order declaring a secured claim satisfied and a lien released under the terms of a confirmed plan. A debtor may need documentation for title purposes of the elimination of a second mortgage or other lien that was secured by property of the estate. Although requests for such orders are likely to be made at the time the case is being closed, the rule does not prohibit a request at another time if the lien has been released and requirements for entry of the order have been met.

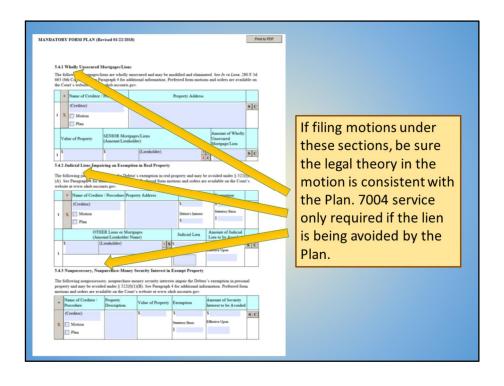


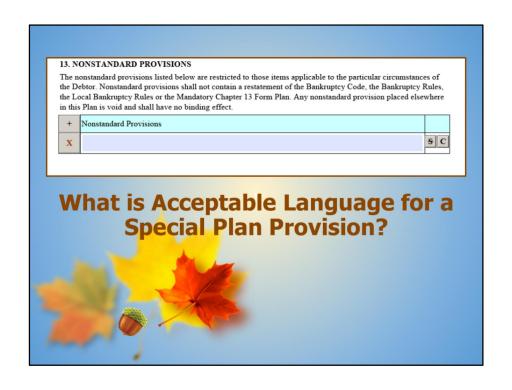












# **ACCEPTABLE**

A short description or clarification of treatment being provided to creditor, identifying a) who the creditor is ("the first mortgagee on the primary residence, XYZ bank"); b) appropriate account or other identifying information (without personal identifiers listed in Rule 9037); c) value and/or amount of the claim if appropriate and applicable; d) specific treatment being provided, including whether a separate motion or adversary proceeding will be filed.

## **NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Description of the entire history of the parties' relationship, positions of the parties, etc.

Providing for avoidance of a lien, determination of dischargeability of a debt, injunction or other relief which must be pursued by an adversary proceeding under Rule 7001.

- In re Phile, 490 B.R. 250 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 2011) (Buchanan, J.) (determination of the dischargeability of a domestic relations debt must be pursued by an adversary proceeding).
- In re Evans, 242 B.R. 407 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 1999) (Hopkins, J.) (dischargeability of a student loan must be pursued by an adversary proceeding.

Restatement of the law, including the Bankruptcy Code or Rules

In re Poff, Case No. 11-15869, 2012 WL 7991472 (Bankr. S.D. Ohio March 16, 2012) (Buchanan, J.) (form should not include boilerplate language, and statements of the law).

