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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Amendments to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
Effective December 1, 2003**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has approved proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Official Bankruptcy Forms. Barring Congressional action, these amendments will take effect December 1, 2003.

A full description of those amendments and links to related forms is available on the Court's website at: www.moeb.uscourts.gov under CM/ECF, What's New, "Amendments to FRBP, Eff. 12-1-03."

The most significant of these amendments will implement the Judicial Conference Policy on privacy and public access to electronic court files. That policy is designed to protect the debtor's social security number from being made publicly available through bankruptcy case records that are now easily accessible over the Internet. Effective December 1, 2003, under Amended Rules 1005 and 1007, debtors are to **list only the last four digits of the social security number on the petition and schedules** and must **submit**, not file, a **Social Security Number Verification Form (known as Form B 21)** when filing a petition. The B21 Form must contain the full social security number and is to be signed by the debtor under penalty of perjury. Attorneys must submit the B21 Form as PDF document by e-mail to: B21@moeb.uscourts.gov. Pro se debtors may submit the form in paper format.

Questions concerning these changes may be directed to Donna Bard at (314) 244-4800.

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