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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Changes Regarding Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Practice

Please take notice that the U.S. Bankruptcy Court has recently revised several processes related to Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy practice.

1. Reinstated and Converted Cases

The court has revised its orders of reinstatement and its Chapter 13 conversion orders to eliminate the duty previously placed on the debtor to obtain the 341 hearing date and time and send notice in the reinstated or converted case. Henceforth, the court will obtain the hearing dates and provide notice of the 341 meetings when necessary.

2. Chapter 7 and 13 Dismissal Orders

The court has revised its Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 dismissal orders to include language imposing a prohibition on the debtor from refileing for 180 days if filing fees remain unpaid at the time of dismissal. If the debtor refiles while filing fees remain unpaid, any application to pay in installments will ordinarily be denied.

3. Chapter 13 Dismissal and Conversion Orders - Attorney's Fees

The court's standard dismissal and conversion orders in Chapter 13 pre-confirmation cases have been revised to change the process by which attorney's fees will be paid to debtor's counsel. Under both pre-confirmation dismissal and conversion orders, attorneys who elect the flat fee must apply for fees within 10 calendar days of dismissal. A simplified short form fee application which counsel may use for this purpose can be found on the court's main website under "Other Local Forms" at <http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov/formmenu.htm>. Additionally, the orders have been revised to authorize an increased fee to the Trustee for administering Chapter 13 cases.

Questions regarding the content of this Notice may be directed to Donna Bard, Operations Manager, at (314) 244-4800.

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