United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Missouri

A Summary of Changes & Instructions Pursuant to the CARES Act

- 1. An Outline of the CARES Act provisions impacting the bankruptcy system is found HERE.
- 2. General Order 20-5 adopts Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1020. A copy of Interim Rule 1020 is attached to the General Order. Click HERE to view General Order 20-5.
- 3. Five Official Bankruptcy Forms received conforming one-year technical changes. The Committee Notes to the Official Forms explain the significant changes to these forms.

Form 101 provides a new definition of "debtor"

Forms 122A-1, 122B, and 122C-1 changed to address the definitions of "current monthly income" and "disposable income"

Form 201 provides a new definition of "debtor"

- 4. Parties wishing to file a Notice of Forbearance may use the Notice of Forbearance event found at these CM/ECF pathways:
 - a. Attorney filers use either
 - i. Bankruptcy Events -> Claims Actions; or
 - ii. Bankruptcy Events -> Notices
 - b. Limited filers use

Bankruptcy Events -> Creditor Filings

5. The Court has created a sample document for use by parties who seek court approval to suspend plan payments and extend the term of the plan. The document is titled Request for Suspension of Chapter 13 Plan Payments and can be found HERE in the Chapter 13 Local Forms section of the Court's website. Parties should use the Request for Suspension of Plan Payments event to file this request.

Bankruptcy Events -> Motions/Applications

These requests will be set on 14-day negative notice; counsel should follow L.R. 9061D to schedule a hearing if a response is filed. If no response is filed, counsel is excused from compliance with L.R. 9061 concerning certification of no response and submission of a proposed order. The Court will issue the order ruling on the request.

6. The parties should subsequently submit an amended plan on the Court's record to reflect the changes reflected in the order suspending plan payments and extending the terms of the plan.