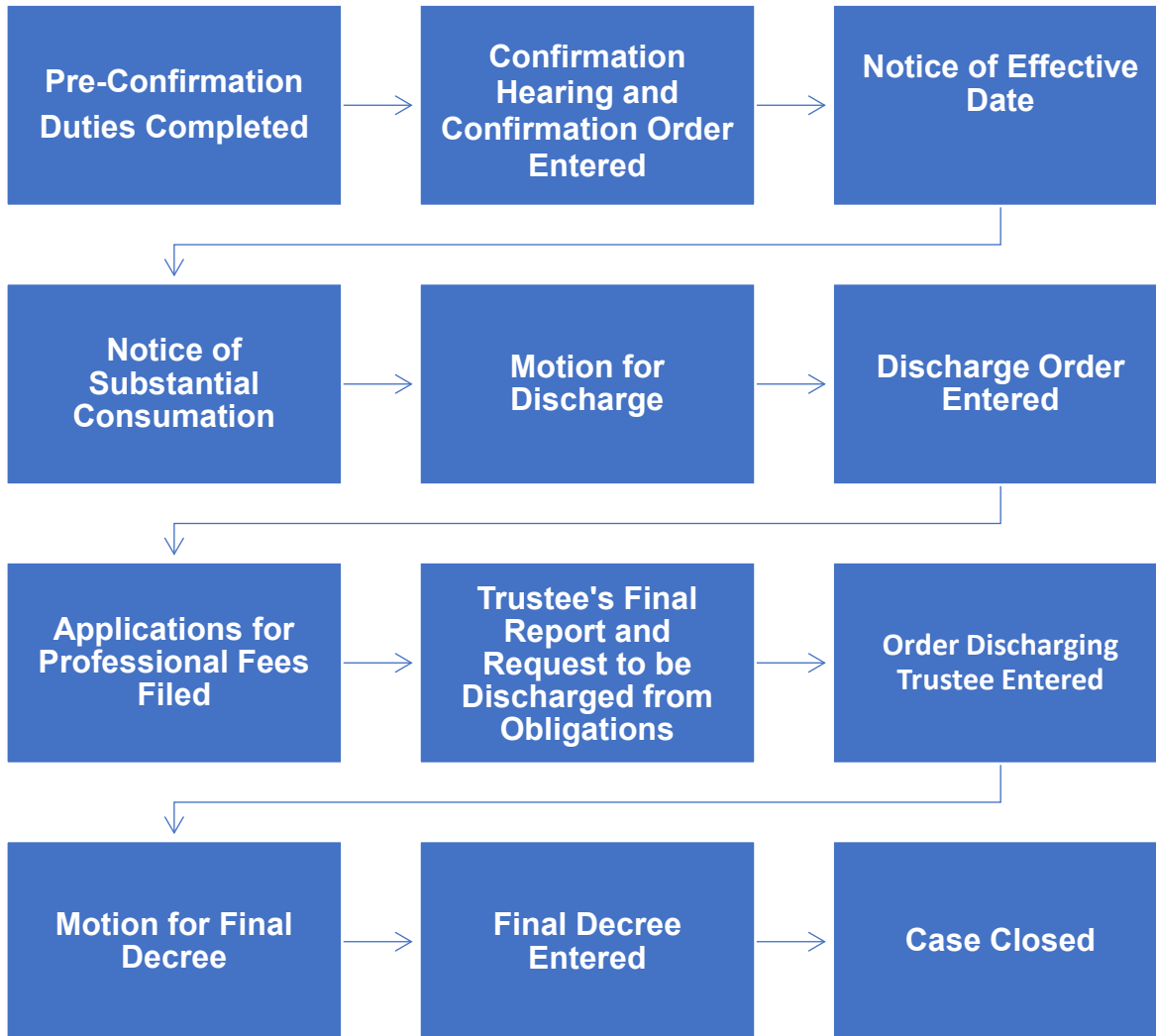


# Subchapter V Bankruptcy Case Timeline: Confirmation through Case Closing [Confirmed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1191(a)]



## **Pre-Confirmation:**

- The Debtor must appear at the Meeting of Creditors required by 11 U.S.C. § 341.
- The Debtor must appear at a Status Conference within sixty (60) days after the petition is filed. The Debtor must also file the Pre-Status Conference Report required by 11 U.S.C. § 1188(c) no less than fourteen (14) days prior to said Status Conference. A date for the Status Conference and deadline for filing the Pre-Status

Conference Report will be determined at the First Day Hearing and be incorporated into the Scheduling Order entered by the Court.

- The CM/ECF Event Pathway for the Pre-Status Conference Report is as follows:

[Bankruptcy Events](#) → [Other Miscellaneous Events](#) → [Pre-Status Conference Report](#)

- The date for the Confirmation Hearing will be established at the Status Conference.
- The Debtor must file with the Court and serve on all parties in interest a plan of reorganization within ninety (90) days after the petition is filed, as required by 11 U.S.C. 1189(b).

**Confirmation Hearing and Confirmation Order Entered:**

- After the Confirmation Hearing the Clerk’s Office will enter the Confirmation Order stating the case has been confirmed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1191(a).
- After the Confirmation Order is entered, the Clerk’s Office will send the Domestic Support Obligation Notice with instructions to respond within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the notice.
- A Discharge Order will not be entered until after a response to the Domestic Support Obligation Notice has been received, the Notice of Effective Date has been filed, the effective date has passed, the Notice of Substantial Consummation has been filed, and finally a Motion for Discharge has been filed.

**Notice of Effective Date:**

- The Debtor or Trustee must file a Notice of Effective Date stating the effective date of the plan. The date should match the effective date found in the Debtor’s plan of reorganization.
- The Notice of Effective Date should be filed using the following CM/ECF Event Pathway:

[Bankruptcy Events](#) → [Notices](#) → [Notice \(Generic\)](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Notice of Substantial Consummation:**

- Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1183(c)(2), the Debtor must file a Notice of Substantial Consummation within fourteen (14) days after substantial consummation of the plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Filers are prompted to enhance the docket text to state the pleading they are filing is a Notice of Effective Date.

- The Notice of Substantial Consummation must be served on the trustee, the United States trustee, and all parties in interest.
- The Notice of Substantial Consummation should state the date the plan of the debtor was substantially consummated and that the case was consensually confirmed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1191(a).
- There are two CM/ECF Event Pathways for filing the Notice of Substantial Consummation and they are as follows:

[Bankruptcy Events](#) → [File a Plan](#) → [Notice of Substantial Consummation](#)

[Bankruptcy Events](#) → [Notices](#) → [Notice of Substantial Consummation](#)

**Motion for Discharge:**

- The Debtor must file a Motion for Discharge within twenty-one (21) days after the later of the filing of the Notice of Effective Date or Notice of Substantial Consummation.

**Discharge Order Entered:**

- If the Motion for Discharge is granted, the Clerk's Office will enter a Discharge Order.
- A Discharge Order will only be entered in individual cases.

**Applications for Professional Fees Filed:**

- After the Discharge Order has been entered, the Trustee, any attorneys, and any professionals must file their fee applications for remaining fees due.
- The applications must provide fourteen (14) days for parties in interest to object.
- A hearing on a fee application will be set for hearing no earlier than twenty-one (21) days after the fee application is filed.

**Trustee's Final Report and Request to be Discharged from Obligations:**

- The Trustee should submit their final report to U.S. Trustee's Office within twenty-one (21) days after entry of the order approving their fee application.
- After receiving final approval from the U.S. Trustee's Office, the Trustee will file their final report with the Court.

- The Trustee should include their request to be discharged from their obligations in the case in their final report.

**Order Discharging Trustee:**

- The Clerk's Office has prepared an automated form order for discharging the Trustee from their obligations in the case.
- After the Trustee's Final Report is filed and approved, the Court will enter the automated form order.

**Motion for Final Decree:**

- Pursuant to Local Rule 3022(A), the Debtor must file a Motion for Final Decree no later than ninety (90) days after the case has been confirmed.

**Final Decree Entered:**

- If the Motion for Final Decree is granted, the Clerk's Office will enter an order granting the motion and the Final Decree

**Case Closed:**

- Assuming all the steps above are complete, and no outstanding matters are left pending, the Clerk's Office will close the case no earlier than fourteen (14) days after the Final Decree has been entered.