UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY James J. Waldron, Clerk

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THIS NOTICE IS INTENDED TO ALERT NEW JERSEY CM/ECF USERS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND HIGHLIGHT ISSUES THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

PROCEDURAL CHANGES WITH REGARD TO EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT.

- 1. Debtors requesting an extension of time to attend credit counseling due to exigent circumstances OR requesting an exemption from attending credit counseling due to incapacity, disability or active military duty may do so by completing the relevant portions of Exhibit D. Separate certifications and/or motions are no longer necessary. The Court will issue an order approving or denying the request. A hearing may be scheduled at the discretion of the Court.
- 2. The Court will issue a Deficiency Notice if Exhibit D is submitted blank. Please be sure the relevant portions of this document are completed.
- 3. The Court will review all Certificates of Credit Counseling for compliance with 11 U.S.C. §109(h)(1). If it is determined that the debtor participated in credit counseling post petition and no extension of time was granted by the Court based upon exigent circumstances, the Court may enter an *Order to Show Cause Why The Case Should Not Be Dismissed For Failure To Comply*.

THE FOLLOWING FORMS AND CM/ECF DOCKETING EVENTS ARE AFFECTED BY THE PROCEDURAL CHANGES RELATED TO EXHIBIT D.

The Miscellaneous Form, Certification of Exigent Circumstances and Request for Extension of Time to Obtain Credit Counseling is deleted from our website. The related CM/ECF docketing event, Certification of Exigent Circumstances located in the Miscellaneous Events category is also deleted.

The Miscellaneous Form, Request for Exemption from Credit Counseling/Financial Management is modified and no longer applies to credit counseling. The related CM/ECF docketing event, Exemption from Credit Counseling located in the Motions/Applications category is also deleted.

Please continue using the *Request for Exemption* form when requesting an exemption from a financial management course and continue using the docketing event, *Exemption from Financial Management Course*.