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

AUGUST 2010



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

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO CHAPTER 13 PLAN & MOTIONS

When a Chapter 13 Plan includes motions, the debtors' attorney must comply with the service requirements under Fed. Rule Bankr. Proc. 7004 and 9014. See also, <u>DNJ LBR 3015-1</u> which states, in part, that the debtor must serve each potentially affected creditor with a copy of the Plan and our local form, <u>Chapter 13 Plan Transmittal Letter</u>, within 21 days of the date of entry on the docket of the court's Notice of Hearing on Confirmation of Plan. The debtor must also file a Proof of Service of compliance with this requirement.

AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES BECAME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2010

With the exceptions noted below, the amendments are stylistic and include reference to Local Forms by their title, rather than by number.

<u>DNJ LBR 3021-1</u> Distribution Under Plan (Chapter 11) is amended to require reports to be filed after every distribution, rather than just the final distribution.

<u>DNJ LBR 2016-1</u> Compensation of Professionals contains new guidelines regarding legal services provided to chapter 13 debtors.

<u>DNJ LBR 1007-2</u> Mailing List or Matrix is amended to indicate that matrices containing more than 20 creditors and filed conventionally, must be accompanied by a CD-ROM containing the list of creditors. Instructions for <u>Matrix Specifications</u> have been updated and are available on our website under Attorney Filing Information > CM/ECF Event Instructions.

ANNUAL RULE MAKING CYCLE

The Lawyers' Advisory Committee is currently soliciting comments and suggestions from the bar. Submissions must be received by September 30, 2010 and should be e:mailed to lac@njb.uscourts.gov.

CUTOFF DATES FOR DUAL NOTICING

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) recipients who were receiving paper and electronic notices for six months or more (redundant mode) stopped receiving paper notices from the BNC on May 11, 2010.

EDI recipients in redundant mode for less than six months can expect termination of paper notices at the six month mark.

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