

NOTICE TO THE BAR

The revised Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey became effective August 1, 2015. The rules contain a number of new provisions and forms which require the attention of Chapter 13 practitioners. Among the new forms and revised procedures impacting Chapter 13 practice is that pertaining to adjournment requests.

D.N.J, LBR 5071-1 governs Adjournments. This rule requires the use of form “Adjournment Request for Chapter 13” [see, 5071-1 (a)(ii)], in order to obtain the adjournment of a scheduled matter or confirmation hearing. This form may be downloaded from the Court’s website.

Effective immediately the Adjournment Request for Chapter 13 form must be used for all Chapter 13 matter and confirmation adjournment request. In a departure from prior practice, the completed form must be submitted by the party seeking an adjournment request in a Chapter 13 case to the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee for the corresponding vicinage where the case is filed. The Adjournment Request for Chapter 13 form must be filed with the Chapter 13 Trustee via 13documents.com (Trenton and Newark vicinages) or the Trustee Filing System (TFS) (Camden vicinage).

The Chapter 13 Trustee will docket the disposition of the adjournment request on the Bankruptcy Court’s docket.

As provided by the Local Rule, all adjournment requests must be made not later than 3 days before the hearing date. If the FINAL day of the 3-day period falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the request should be made on the preceding day on which the court is open.

Please note adjournment requests will not be considered by any means other than that which is set forth in this notice.

Please also note that the procedures relating to rescheduling 341(a) Meeting of Creditors have not been revised by these rules.

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