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NOTICE CONCERNING NEW & AMENDED FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY RULES

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Rule 1007. Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other Documents; Time Limits - is amended in subdivision (a) to shorten the time from 14 to seven days for the debtor to file a list of creditors after the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case. Subdivision (c) of the rule is amended to extend from 45 to 60 days the time for individual debtors in chapter 7 to file the statement of completion of a course in personal financial management.

Rule 1014. Dismissal and Change of Venue is amended to include chapter 15 cases among those subject to the rule that authorizes the court to determine where cases should proceed when multiple petitions involving the same debtor are pending.

Rule 1015. Consolidation or Joint Administration of Cases Pending in Same Court is amended to include chapter 15 cases among those subject to the rule that authorizes the court to order the consolidation or joint administration of cases.

Rule 1018. Contested Involuntary Petitions; Contested Petitions Commencing Chapter 15 Cases; Proceedings to Vacate Order for Relief; Applicability of Rules in Part VII Governing Adversary Proceedings is amended to reflect the enactment of chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code in 2005. The rule is also amended to clarify that, in specifying the applicability of certain Part VII rules, it applies to contests over involuntary petitions, but it does not apply to matters that are merely related to a contested involuntary petition.

Rule 1019. Conversion of a Chapter 11 Reorganization Case, Chapter 12 Family Farmer's Debt Adjustment Case, or Chapter 13 Individual's Debt Adjustment Case to a Chapter 7 Liquidation Case - is amended by redesignating subdivision (2) as subdivision (2)(A) and adding a new subdivision (2)(B). Subdivision (2)(B) provides that a new time period to object to a claim of exemption arises when a case is converted to chapter 7 from chapter 11, 12, or 13. The new time period does not arise, however, if the conversion occurs more than one year after the first order confirming a plan, or if the case was previously pending under chapter 7 and the objection period had expired in the original chapter 7 case.

Rule 4001. Relief from Automatic Stay; Prohibiting or Conditioning the Use, Sale, or Lease of Property; Use of Cash Collateral; Obtaining Credit; Agreements is amended to change the 15 day period to 14 day period in subdivision (d)(2).

Rule 4004. Grant or Denial of Discharge is amended to include a new deadline in subdivision (a) for the filing of motions (rather than complaints) objecting to discharge under §§ 727(a)(8), (a)(9), and § 1328(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Subdivision (c)(1) is amended to take account of the authority under subdivision (d) to raise objections to discharge under § 727(a)(8) and (a)(9) by motion. Subdivision (c)(4) is added to the rule. It directs the court in chapter 11 and 13 cases to withhold the entry of the discharge if the debtor has not filed with the court a statement of completion of a course concerning personal financial management as required by Rule 1007(b)(7). Finally, subdivision (d) is amended to provide that objections to discharge under §§ 727(a)(8), (a)(9), and 1328(f) are commenced by motion and are treated as contested matters rather than adversary proceedings.

Rule 5009. Closing Chapter 7 Liquidation, Chapter 12 Family Farmer's Debt Adjustment, Chapter 13 Individual's Debt Adjustment, and Chapter 15 Ancillary and Cross-Border Cases is amended to redesignate the former rule as new subdivision (a) and to add new subdivisions (b) and (c) to the rule. Subdivision (b) requires the clerk to provide notice to individual debtors in chapter 7 and chapter 13 cases that their case may be closed without the entry of a discharge if they fail to file a timely statement that they have completed a personal financial management course. Subdivision (c) requires a foreign representative in a chapter 15 case to file and give notice of the filing of a final report in the case.

Rule 5012. Agreements Concerning Coordination of Proceedings in Chapter 15 Cases. It is a new rule establishing the procedures in chapter 15 cases for obtaining court approval of an agreement regarding communications and the coordination of proceedings with cases involving the debtor pending in other countries.

Rule 7001. Scope of Rules of Part VII is amended in paragraph (4) to except from the listing of adversary proceedings objections to discharge under §§ 727(a)(8), (a)(9), and 1328(f).

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