

ECF Filing Procedures Seminar for Attorneys, Trustees, and Staff



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#### Introductions

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#### Federal Bankruptcy Rules

## Pending Amendments: Federal Bankruptcy Rules



#### Federal Bankruptcy Rules

Pending Amendments – December 1, 2024

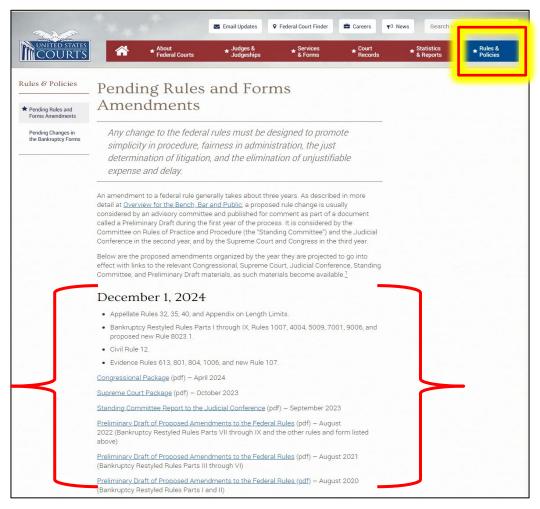
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 Amendments to Rules 1007, 4004, 5009, 7001, and 9006, and pending new Rule 8023.1.



#### Federal Bankruptcy Rules

#### www.uscourts.gov



#### **Federal Bankruptcy Forms**

# Recent Changes Federal Bankruptcy Forms



## Changes to Voluntary Petition June 22, 2024

#### Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

#### Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

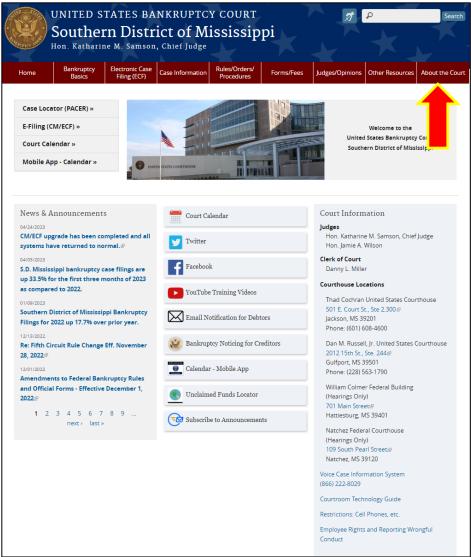


# Online Legal and Procedural Resources

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#### **About the Court**







## **Contact Information**

#### Chapter 7, 12, and 13 Case Administrators' Digit Assignments (XX-XXX00)

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00-06	228-563-1809
07-13	601-608-4621
14-20	601-608-4636
21-24	601-608-4640
25-31	601-608-4633
32-38	228-563-1814
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#### New mailing address for Jackson Office

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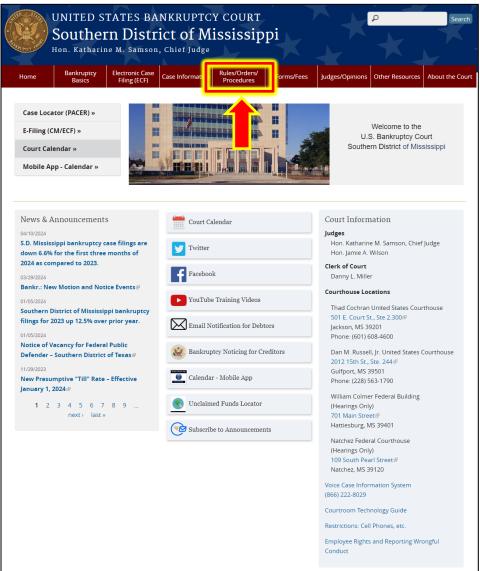
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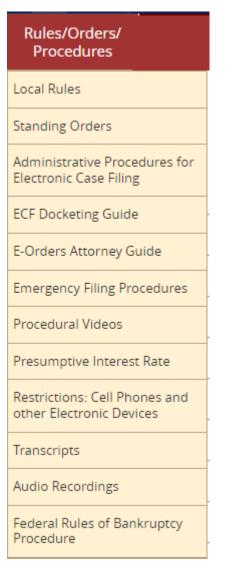
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Send all mail for the Jackson Office to the street address.



#### Rules/Orders/Procedures



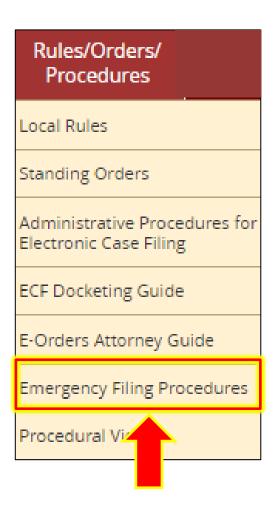




#### **Procedural Resources**

# Emergency Filing Procedures

www.mssb.uscourts.gov/emergency -filing-procedures





#### **Emergency Filing Procedures**

For an emergency on a weekday between 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Jackson 601-608-4600

Gulfport 228-563-1790

### **Emergency Filing Procedures**

**After Hours** 

601-608-4603

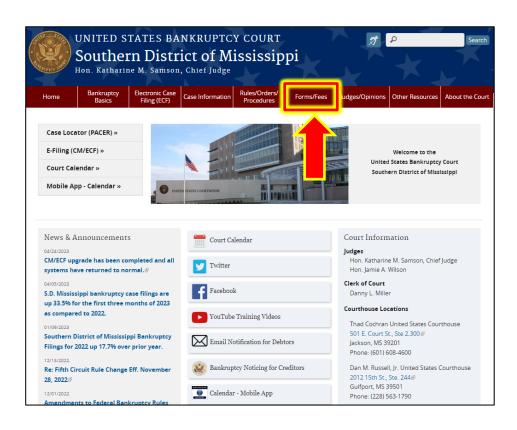


#### **Local Forms**



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#### **Local Forms**

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MSSB-1320	Application for Search of Bankruptcy Records	02/17/2023	Form Instructions
MSSB-1340	Application for Payment of Unclaimed Funds - Fillable	02/17/2023	Form Instructions Example
MSSB-1340- Order	Order Granting Application for Payment of Unclaimed Funds	12/01/2019	Form
MSSB-M13-1	Certification and Motion for Entry of Discharge	02/17/2023	Form
MSSB-1328(b)- Cert	Certification in Support of Motion for Hardship Discharge Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1328(b)	02/22/2023	Form
MSSB-CC-E	Certification of Exigent Circumstances	12/01/2015	Form

## Local Forms - New

Form Name	Description
MSSB-NCAC	Notice of Change of Address for Creditor
MSSB-NCAD	Notice of Change of Address for Debtor
MSSB-7007.1-Adv	Corporate Ownership Statement for Adversary Proceeding
MSSB-7007.1-Bk	Corporate Ownership Statement for Bankruptcy Case



#### Chapter 11

Form Name	Description	
MSSB-4004	Chapter 11 Individual Debtor's Certification and Request for Discharge	
MSSB-A11-1	Notice Amending Schedules and/or Matrix (Ch 11)	



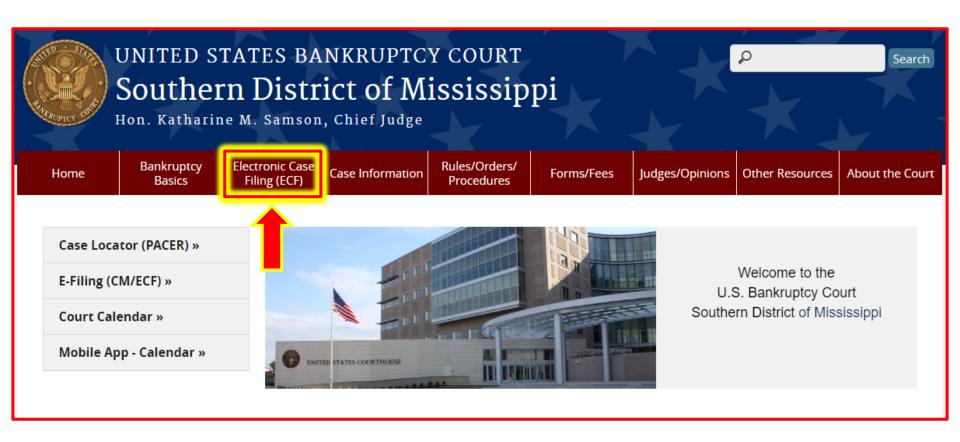
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#### Interactive, on-line tool

Provides filing guidelines



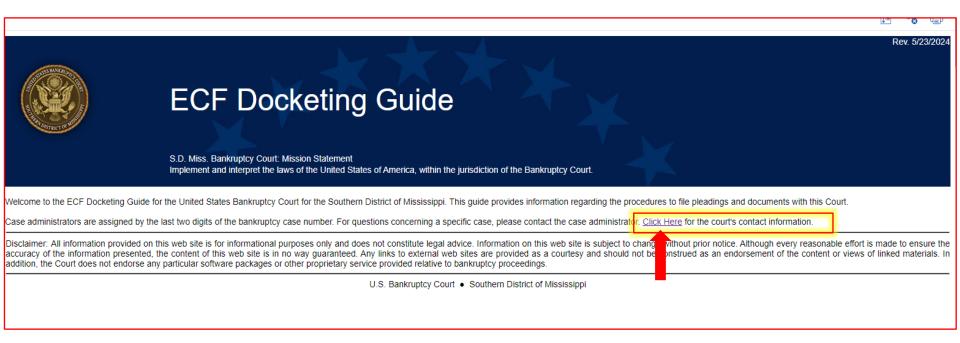








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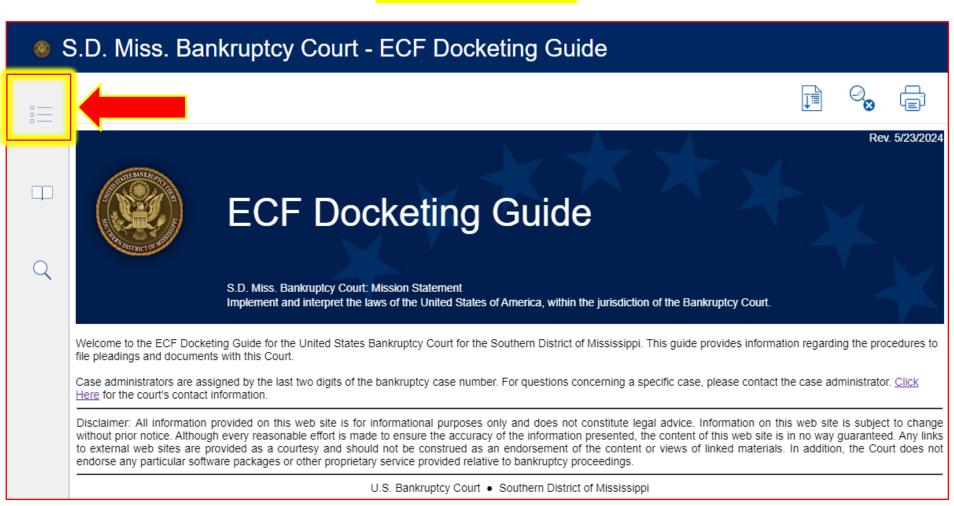
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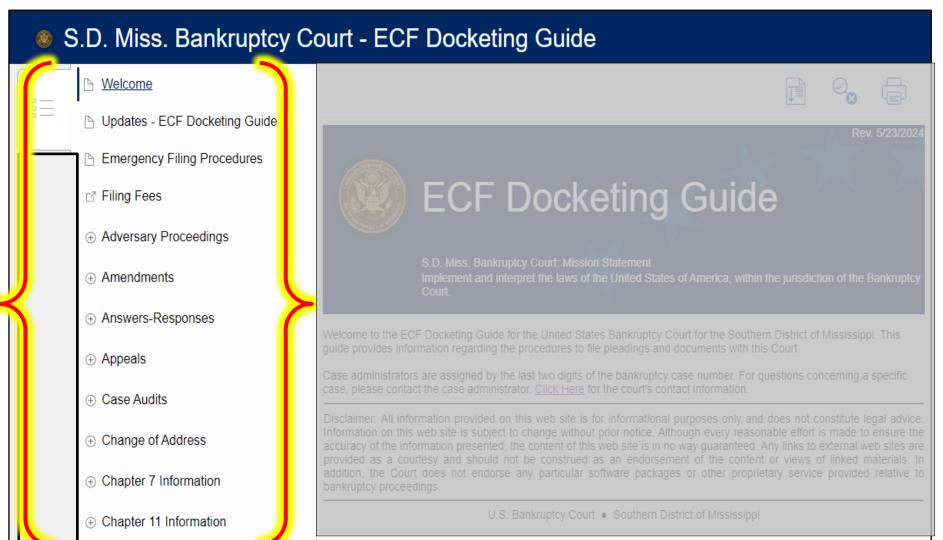
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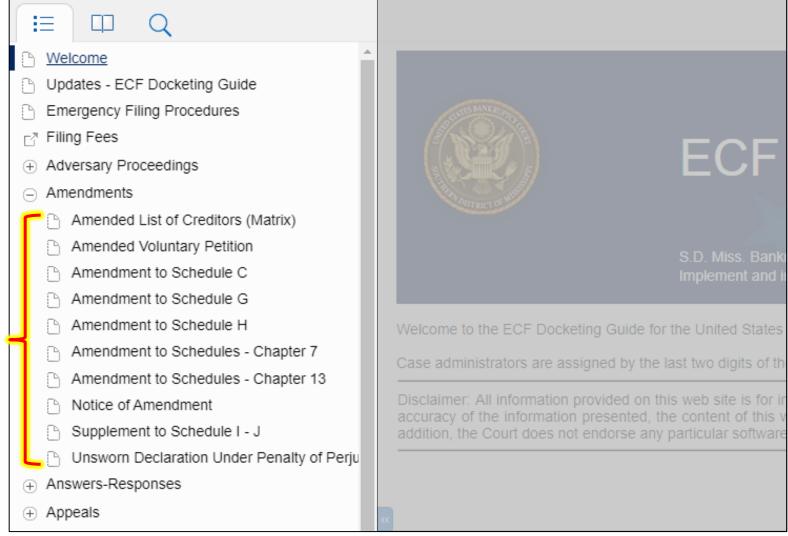


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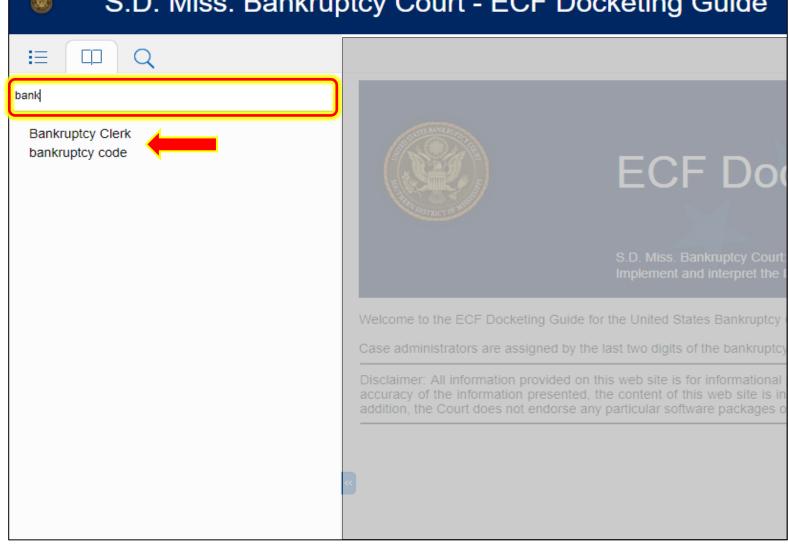


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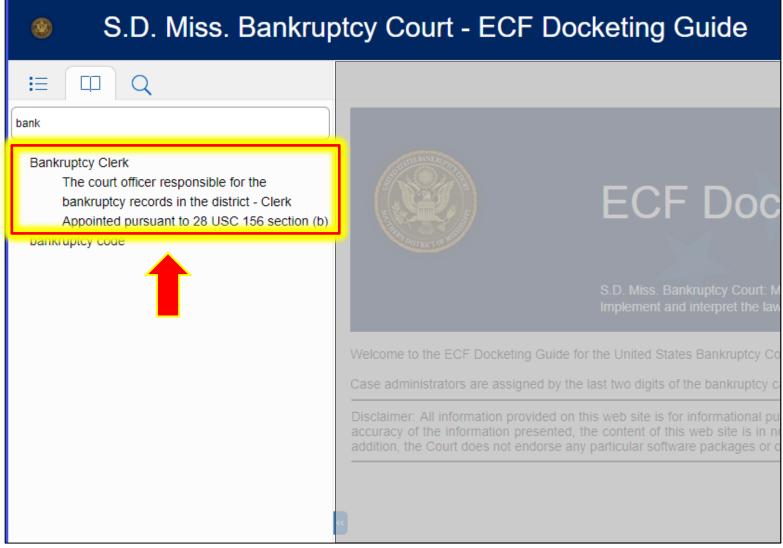


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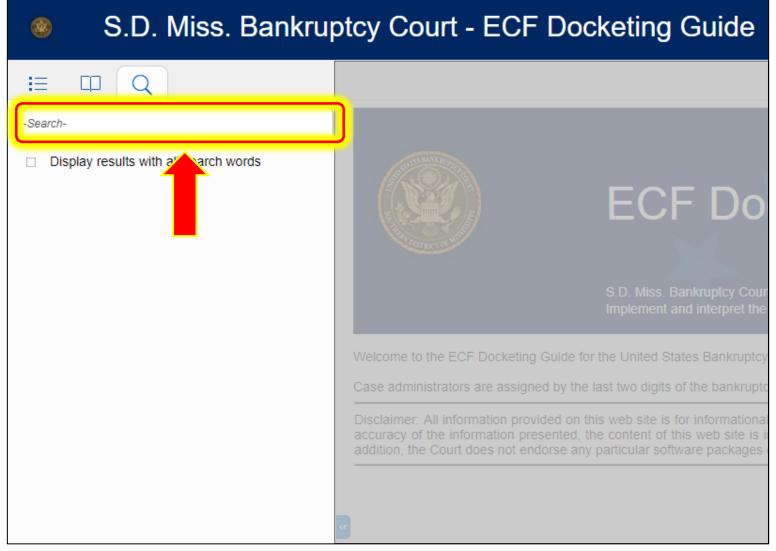




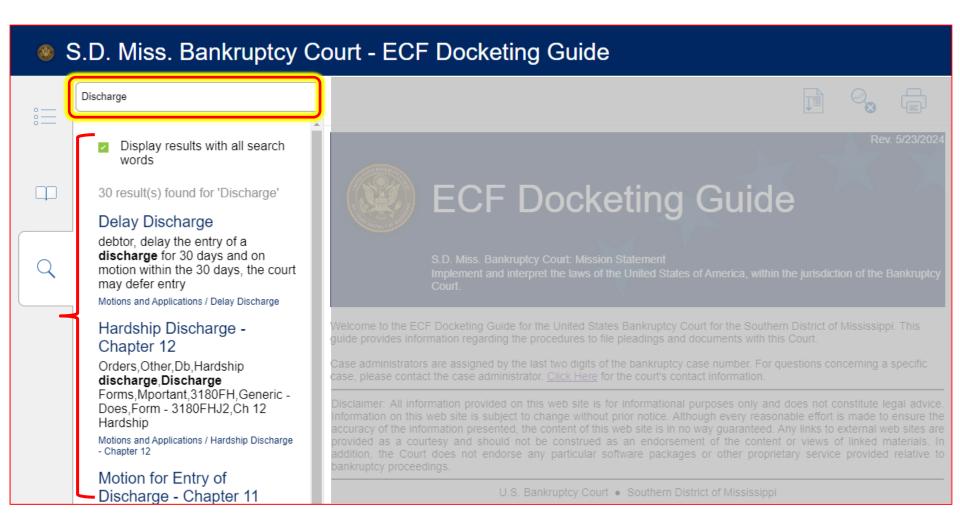
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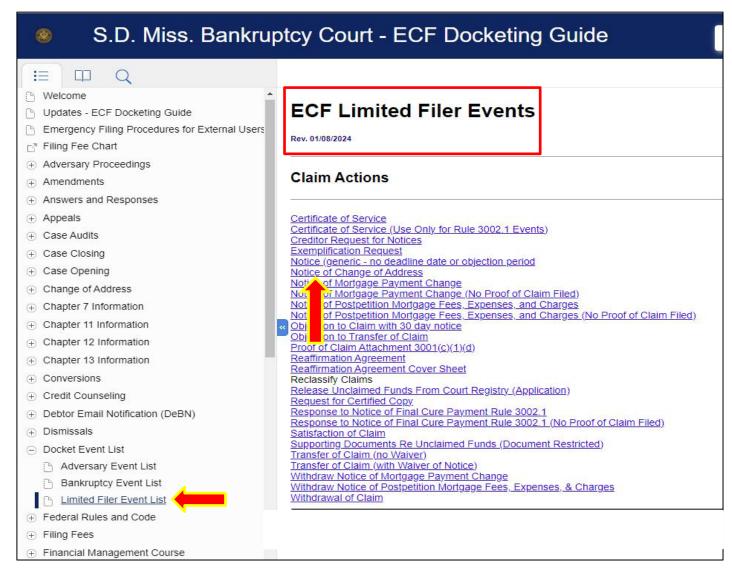
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## **Docket Event List**











#### **Change of Address for Creditor**

#### Rev. 01/24/2024

When a creditor wishes to change their address to receive notices, the creditor must notify the court by filing a statement providing the new noticing address.

A change of address form is available on the court's website www.mssb.uscourts.gov. See Local Form MSSB-NCAC Change of Address for Creditor

#### Docket Events:

[Bankruptcy > Other > Notice of Change of Address]

[Bankruptcy > Claim Actions > Notice of Change of Address]

#### Requirements:

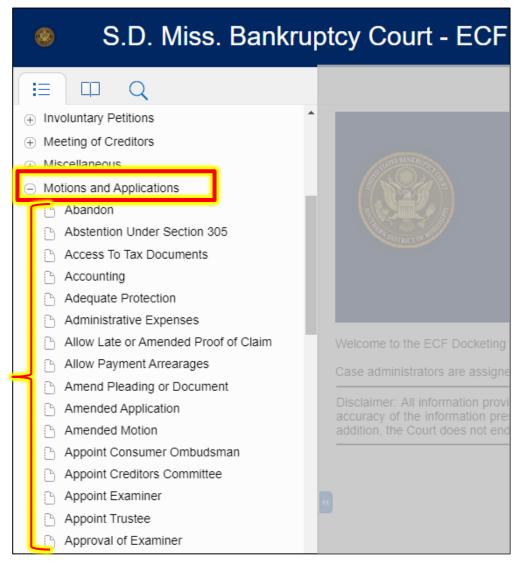
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# **Motions and Applications**



### Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay

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11 U.S.C. § 362(d)

Miss. Bankr. L. R. 4001-1

The automatic stay is one of the fundamental debtor protections provided by the bankruptcy laws. It gives the debtor a breathing spell from his creditors, stopping all collection efforts, all harassment, and all foreclosure actions. It permits the debtor to attempt a repayment or reorganization plan, or just to be relieved of the financial pressures that drove him into bankruptcy.

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Local forms for default orders are available on the Court's website: www.mssb.uscourts.gov.

- Default Order Granting Relief from Automatic Stay Local form: MSSB-OGRAS.
- Order Granting Limited Stay Relief Re: Dissolution of Marriage Local form: MSSB-OGLSR.

There is no provision under § 362 to lift the automatic stay as to an individual debtor. However, when filing this type of motion, the party should include an agreed order and file the pleading and order using the docket event: [Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Relief from Stay with Agreed Order].

See Chapter 11 Motions to Lift Stay regarding lift stay motions in a chapter 11 case.

#### Docket Event:

[Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Relief from Stay]

#### Requirements:

KMS Cases	JAW Cases
Motion with Certificate of Service	Motion with Certificate of Service
Proposed Order	Proposed Order
Filing Fee**	Filing Fee**
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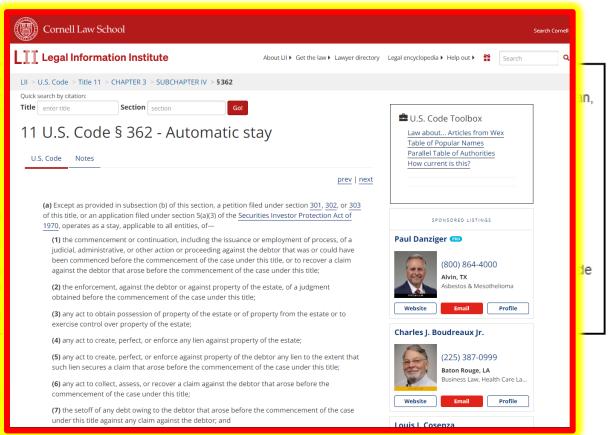
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# **Motions and Applications**

#### Motion for Relief From Stay with Agreed Order

There is no filing fee to file a motion to lift the automatic stay when a proposed Agreed Order is filed as an attachment to the Motion.

However, The proposed Agreed Order must have the signature of all parties.

If the movant fails to attach a proposed Agreed Order or if the proposed Agreed Order does not contain all required signatures, the Clerk must collect a filing fee.

#### Chapter 7 and 13 Requirements

	KMS Cases	JAW Cases
M	otion with Certificate of Service	Motion with Certificate of Service
Pr	roposed Agreed Order signed by all parties	Proposed Agreed Order signed by all parties

#### Docket Event:

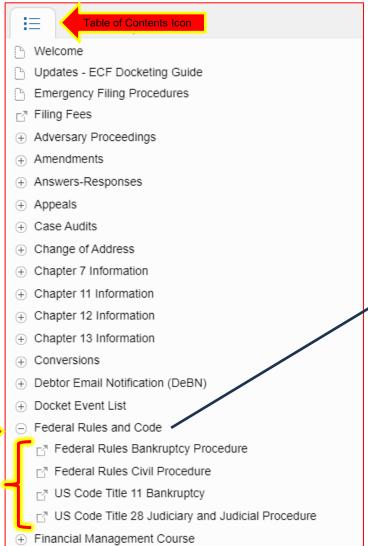
[Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Relief from Stay with Agreed Order (No Fee)]

#### **Chapter 11 Requirements**

KMS Cases	JAW Cases
Motion with Certificate of Service	Motion with Certificate of Service
Proposed Agreed Order signed by all parties	Proposed Agreed Order signed by all parties
*14 day Notice	*14 day Notice



### Federal Rules and US Codes



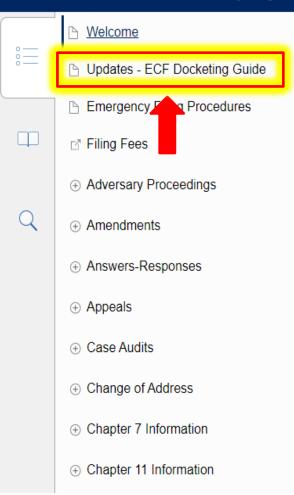
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- Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
- U.S. Code Title 11 Bankruptcy
- U.S. Code Title 28 Judiciary & Judicial Procedure

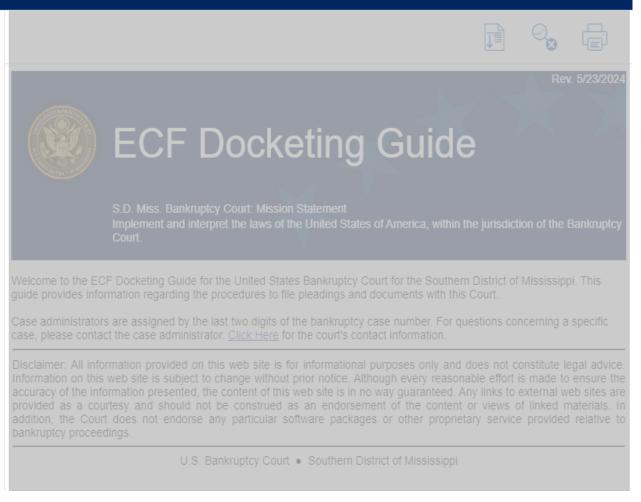
# **Updates**



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# **Guide Updates**

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Date	Topic		
07/13/2023	Request Writ of Execution		
07/13/2023	Issue Writ of Execution		
06/22/2023	Chapter 11 Meeting of Creditors		
02/22/2022	Revised to update the Gulfport location for in person 341 meetings. Moved from Hancock Bank to the Gulfport Federal Courthouse.  Motion for Chapter 13 Hardship Discharge		
02/22/2022	Revised to include the new requirement to include a certification that conforms with the court's local form MSSB-1328(b)-cert.		
12/01/2022	Meeting of Creditors Chapter 11 Revised to include new claims deadline for Subchapter V under Chapter 11.		
08/16/2022	Notice of Removal Revised to clarify that the party must file the Notice of Removal with the District Court.		
04/20/2022	Request to issue an Alias Summons Revised to include the new docket event to request the clerk's office issue a new summons.		
02/18/2022	Motion to Confirm Termination or Absence of Stay.  Revised to add noticing requirements when motion seeks relief as to one creditor.		
02/11/2022	Trustee's Request for Court Costs		
02/09/2022	Close Chapter 11 Case Revision - Replaced 21-day notice requirement with the Court will set the motion for a hearing.		
01/25/2022	Waiver Discharge for a <u>chapter 13</u> and <u>chapter 7</u> debtor.  Revised to include that the motion/wavier must include a certificate of service.		
12/15/2021	Trustee's Withdrawal of Certification for Payment under Section 330(e)		
12/15/2021	<u>Trustee Certification for Payment under Section 330(e)</u>		
12/15/2021	Motion for Approval of Agreement Re: 4001(d)  Revised to update Judge Wilson's procedure to limit the 14-day negative notice requirement for motions filed in a chapter 11.		
11/17/2021	Amended List of Creditors Revised to include noticing instructions when no schedules are amended.		
11/04/2021	Motion to Close Chapter 11  Revised requirements for cases assigned to Judge Wilson. The court will not set a hearing. Instead, the movant must file a 21-day negative notice.		
09/27/2021	Motion to Waive Requirement to File Certification and Motion for Entry of a Discharge		
09/16/2021	Rent Deposit Under 11 USC 362(I) / Statement of an Eviction Revised procedures. The debtor must make the money order or certified check (rent deposit) payable to the United States Bankruptcy Court (not the landlord).		
08/23/2021	Notice of Sale		
08/23/2021	Chapter 11 First Day Motions		
08/23/2021	Chapter 11 Subchapter V Pre-Status Conference Report		
08/20/2021	Motion to Allow Payment Arrearage		
08/12/2021	Motion to Establish a Deadline to file an Administrative Expense Claim		
08/12/2021	Amendment to Schedules A/B, I, or J		
07/15/2021	Chapter 11 Plan		
07/01/2021	Chapter 11 List of Equity Security Holders		



### Questions



# **Unclaimed Funds**

# Unclaimed Funds

- Most unclaimed funds originate from trustees :
  - Uncashed distribution checks
  - Incorrect address for owner of funds
  - Death of owner of funds
- The Court is required by law to hold unclaimed funds indefinitely for the rightful owner.



- Online database.
- Allows a user to search for money owed to a specific individual, business, or government unit.
- Consolidates <u>all</u> Bankruptcy Courts' unclaimed funds information.













U.S. Courts Unclaimed Funds Locator			
Court	Select Court(s) Or Leave Empty For All Courts		
Creditor Name*	Search By Creditor Name		
Debtor Name*	Search By Debtor Name		
Case Number	Search By Case Number		
Entered On or After	Entered On or After		
Captcha Captcha Text			
Clear Search  * Either the Creditor Name OR the Debtor Name field must have a minimum of 3 characters.			
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# Request Payment

- 1) Application (Local Form MSSB-1340)
  - Notarized
  - Copy to US Attorney
  - Certificate of Service
- 2) Proposed Order (Local Form MSSB-1340-Order)
- 3) Supporting Documents



# **Local Forms and Instructions**

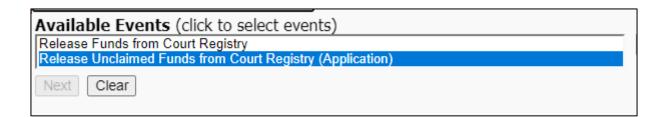




### Filing Application & Proposed Order

Upload Proposed Order as an attachment

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Release
Unclaimed Funds from Court Registry (Application)





# **Supporting Documents**

- Proof of identity
- Evidence of ownership
- Tax ID information



### Filing Supporting Documents

Bankruptcy > Other > Supporting Documents Re Unclaimed Funds (Document Restricted)





### Who can request unclaimed funds?

- Owner of record
- Successor claimant
- Other Claimant



### **Owner of Record**

Owner of funds per bankruptcy court records.



### **Successor Claimant**

Entity that has direct claim to funds but is not owner of record

i.e., Successor business, decedent's estate, assignee, judgment creditors



### **Other Claimant**

Claimant who proves a right to the funds.

i.e., Funds locator acting for the owner or successor claimant.

# Unclaimed Funds

 A claimant is not required to be represented by an attorney.

 A claimant can file an application in a closed case.



#### Disbursement of Unclaimed Funds

Unclaimed funds are disbursed 28 days after court enters the order (if no objections).



#### Questions



## Filing Agents



## Filing Agent

Individual that a registered ECF filer designates to e-file on their behalf.



## Who can have filing agents?

Attorneys

Trustees

U.S. Trustee

## Filing Agents - Benefits

- Filing Agent has own ECF user account.
  - ECF user does not share filing credentials (passwords) with the agent.
- ECF User can monitor agent's filings.
  - An ECF system report can identify the agent that docketed a filing.
- A filing agent can e-file for multiple ECF users.



## To Qualify as a Filing Agent:

- 1) Have an individual PACER account.
- 2) Register for a ECF Filing Agent account with the court (through PACER).



#### Register ECF User responsibilities:

- Authorize (Add) filing agents
- Monitor filings made by filing agents
- Remove filing agents



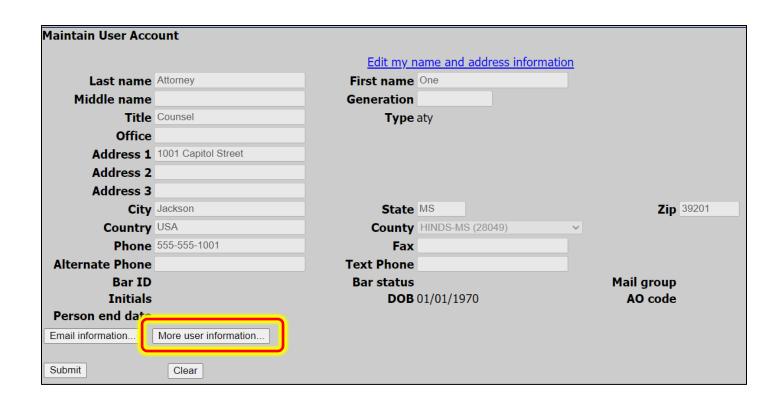
## Add Filing Agent

- Log in to your ECF Account
- Click Utilities > Your Account > Maintain Your ECF Account



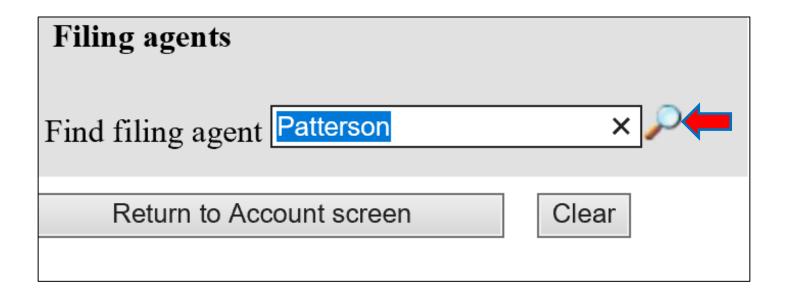


#### Click More user information



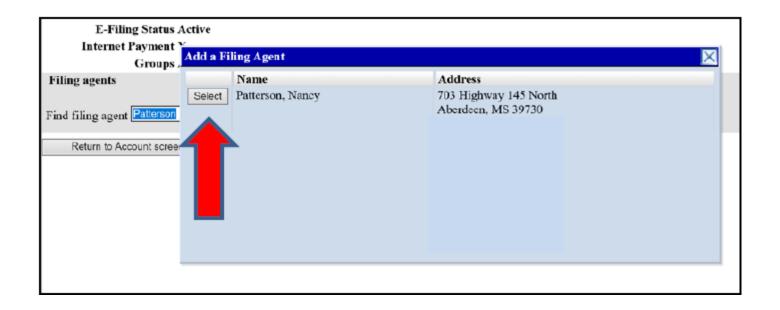


#### Enter agent's last name > Click Search icon



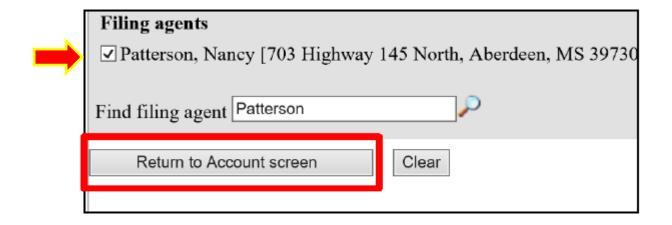


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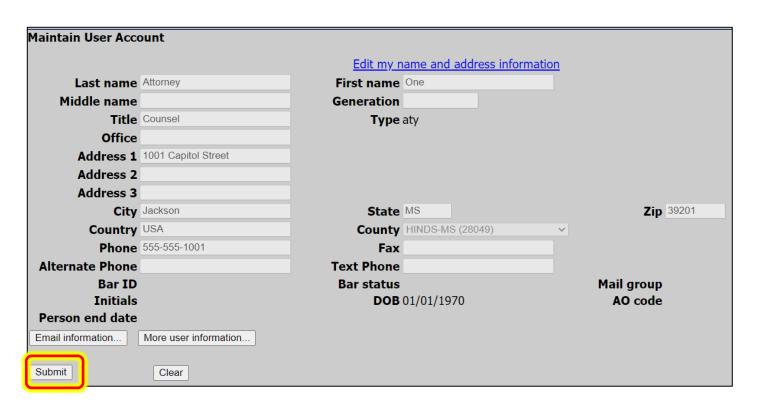


#### Check box > Click Return to Account screen





#### Click Submit

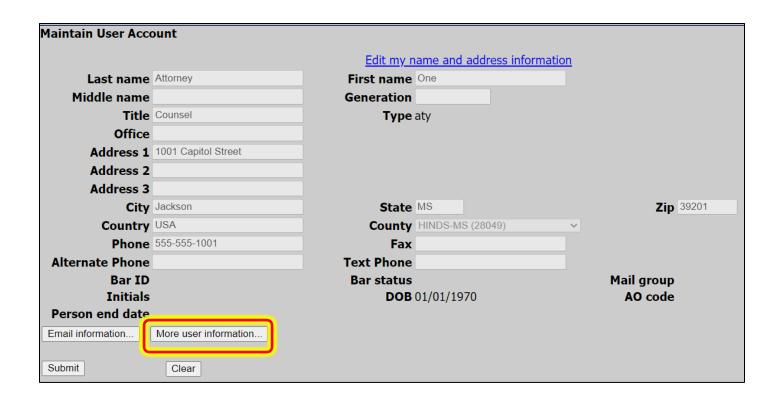


- Log in to your ECF Account
- Click Utilities > Your Account > Maintain Your ECF Account





#### Click More user information





#### Uncheck box to remove agent

More User Information for One Attorney		
<u>Update Account Information</u>	<b>Last login</b> 05-09-2023 16:04	
<b>Login</b> ngoneatty	<b>Current login</b> 05-09-2023 16:22	
<b>Person ID</b> 498848	<b>Create date</b> 03/15/2021	
Person Authorization ID 154	<b>Update date</b> 05/09/2023	
Public User ID 7003962	User end date	
Judiciary User ID		
E-Filing Status Active		
Internet Payment Y		
<b>Groups</b> Attorney, Auditor, Claims, ClaimsUpload, E-Orde	ers Attorney	
Filing agents		
Uncheck the box to remove a filing agent.		
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☑ Agent, Four [3004 Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39201, 555-555-3004, Account ID: 7003987]		
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#### Click Return to Account screen

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Agents previously removed from this account		
Return to Account screen Clear		



#### Click **Submit** to remove the Filing Agent







The filing agent logs in to CM/ECF and selects the ECF filer they are filing on their behalf.

# Filing for One Attorney (aty) United States Trustee (ust)

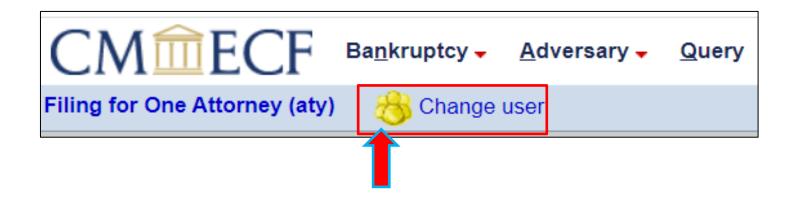


#### Screen displays the filer





#### To change filers click Change user icon





#### Select a different filer

#### Filing for

One Attorney (aty)
United States Trustee (ust)



#### The new filer displays





## Filing Rights/Permissions



## Filing Agent Permissions

Agent's filing rights mirrors the Registered User - except for restricted documents.

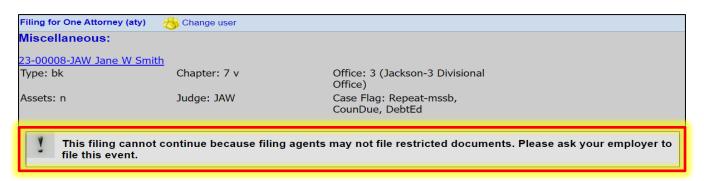
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Social Security Number (Form 121)

Tax Documents

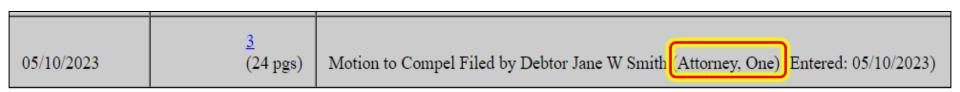
Supporting Documents Re Unclaimed Funds

Motion to Redact Document



#### **Docket Text**

ECF user is the filer (not agent)





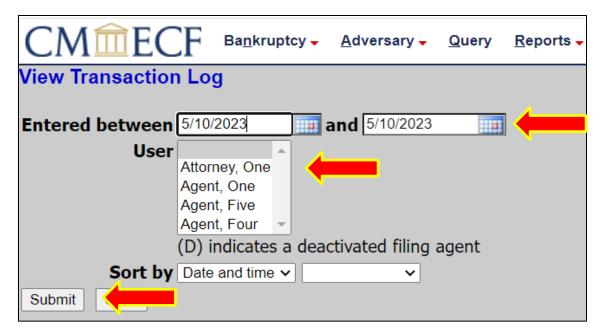
### **Transactions**



## Filing Agent Transactions

ECF User can monitor the agent's filings through a transaction report.

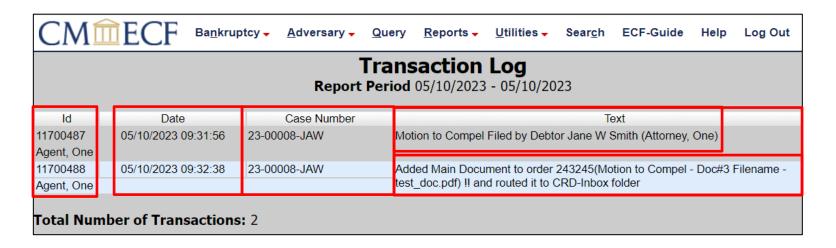
#### **Utilities > View Your Transaction Log**





## Filing Agent Transactions

#### **Transaction Log**



## Filing Agent Information

#### Electronic Case Filing (ECF) > Filing Agents





## Filing Agent Information

Home » Electronic Case Filing (ECF)

#### Filing Agents

#### For Attorneys, Trustees and U. S. Trustee Only

An ECF User who is an attorney, trustee or U. S. Trustee may authorize and designate one or more individuals as a Filing Agent to e-file on his/her behalf. Filings completed by the Filing Agent will appear on the docket as if the ECF User completed the filing. However, filing activity for each Filing Agent may be viewed by the ECF User under **Utilities > View Your Transaction Log**.

A Filing Agent's filing permissions will mirror that of the Registered User with one exception—restricted documents. Documents restricted from public access, such as Official Form 121 (Statement About Your Social Security Numbers), cannot be filed by a Filing Agent at this time.

#### Instructions For Filing Agents

The Filing Agent must first register as a Limited ECF User (Non-Attorney) using his/her individual PACER account. Once the Filing Agent's registration is complete, the ECF User (attorney, trustee or U. S. Trustee) must add the Filing agent to his/her ECF account.

- . Individual PACER Account If you do not have an individual PACER account, click here for instructions.
- Limited ECF User (Non-Attorney) Registration If you have not already registered as a Limited ECF User (Non-Attorney) click here for instructions.

#### Instructions For ECF User (Attorney, Trustee or U. S. Trustee)

The ECF User is responsible for adding the Filing Agent to his/her ECF account after registration is complete and for removing the Filing Agent from his/her ECF account in the event the Filing Agent is no longer authorized to act in such capacity. See the instructions below for more information. The ECF User is also responsible for maintaining and updating his/her ECF e-mail notification list in the event the Filing Agent's e-mail address should be added or removed.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9011 will apply to documents filed by the Filing Agent.

How to Add a Filing Agent to Your ECF Account

How to Remove a Filing Agent from Your ECF Account



#### Questions



# Electronic Case Filing System Account Management



#### Filer's Contact Information

Very important to ensure that account information remains up to date.

 Court staff does not have editing access to filers' account information.



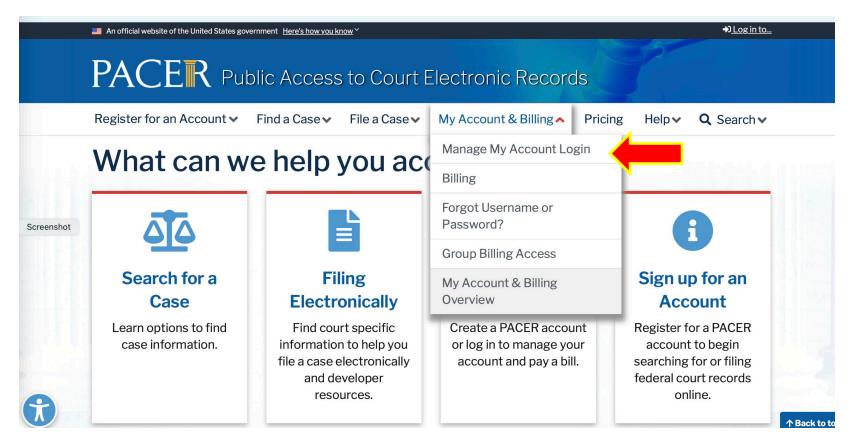
## **ECF Account Management**

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Primary Email Address

Update through your PACER account



## **Update Contact Information**



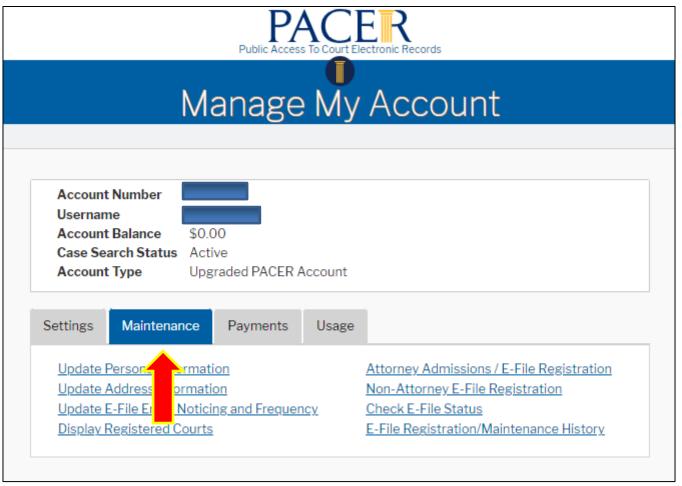
Login to your PACER Account.

Select My Account/Manage My Account



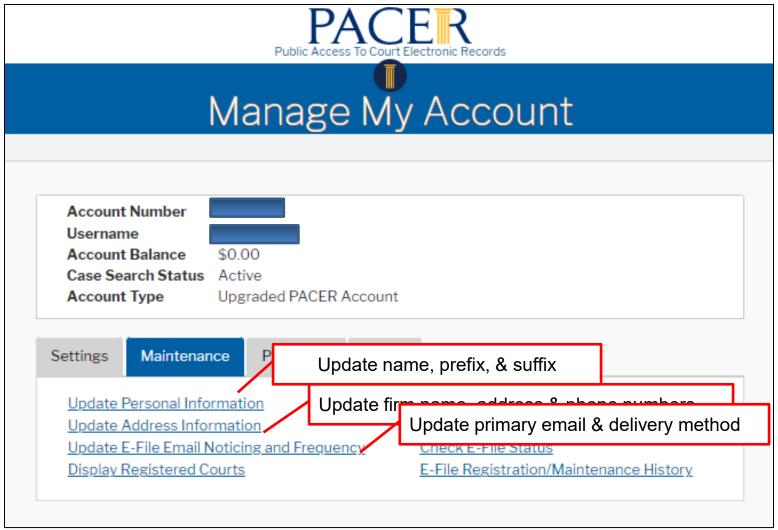
## **Update Contact Information**

#### Click **Maintenance** Tab





## **Update Contact Information**





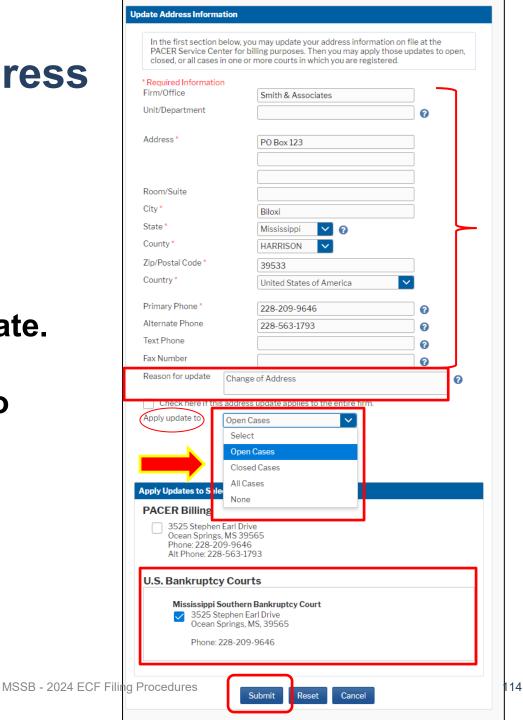
## **ECF Account Management**



#### **Update Email Address**



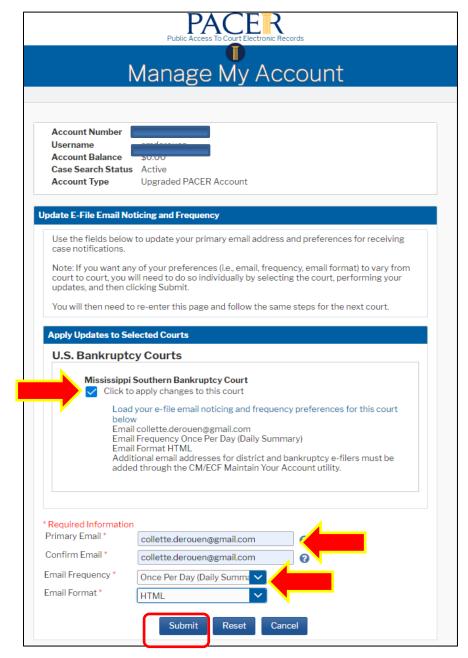
- Enter reason for update.
- Select which cases to apply change.
- Select court to apply update.
- Click Submit to send update request





## Update Email Address

- Select the court to send request to update email.
- Update primary email
- Select email frequency and format.
- Click Submit to submit the update.





#### Benefits:

 Your staff receives notices of filings (NEFs) made in your cases.

 Secondary email serves as a backup in case of technical problems with your primary email provider.



Use a different domain (email provider) for secondary email address.

Primary: one\_attorney@outlook.com

Secondary: one\_attorney@gmail.com

one\_attorney@yahoo.com

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Email information for One Attorney

Primary

email one_attorney@example.com
address

Secondary

email one_attorney@gmail.com
one_attorney@gmail.com
one_attorney@yahoo.com

address

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email one_attorney@gmail.com
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#### Add or Update Secondary Email:

- Log in to CM/ECF
- Click Utilities > Your Account > Maintain
   Your ECF Account

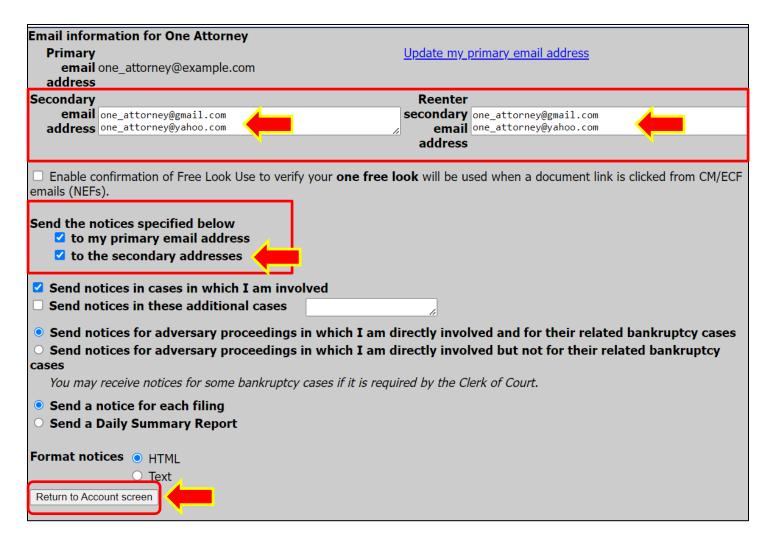




## Maintain User Account screen Click Email information

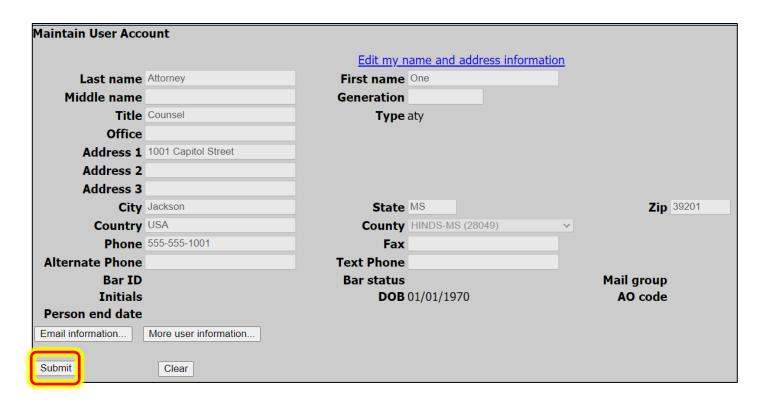
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#### Click **Submit**





#### Maintain User Accounts

Updating person record... Successfully updated One Attorney

Participant records were not altered.

Set up automatic email notification complete for One Attorney Verify free look use = on Send Notification in all cases for which you represent a party = on Send Notification to primary email address = on Case list:

Email notice of electronic filings for selected cases = off Summary email = on Primary email address: one\_attorney@example.com Secondary email address:

one\_attorney@gmail.com;one\_attorney@yahoo.com;collette\_derouen@mssb.uscourts.gov

Formatting of notices = HTML (Internet email)
No user update requested
Return to User Maintenance



Not Receiving Notices of Electronic Filing (NEF) Emails:

- Inbox full
- Invalid email address in CM/ECF
- Attorney no longer with firm, etc.
- Call the Clerk's office if you stop receiving emails

## Questions



Court Noticing, Pleadings, Exhibits, Schedules, etc.



# Notices Issued by the Court



## **Bankruptcy Notices for Creditors**

The Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) mails court notices and documents to Creditors ("Parties").

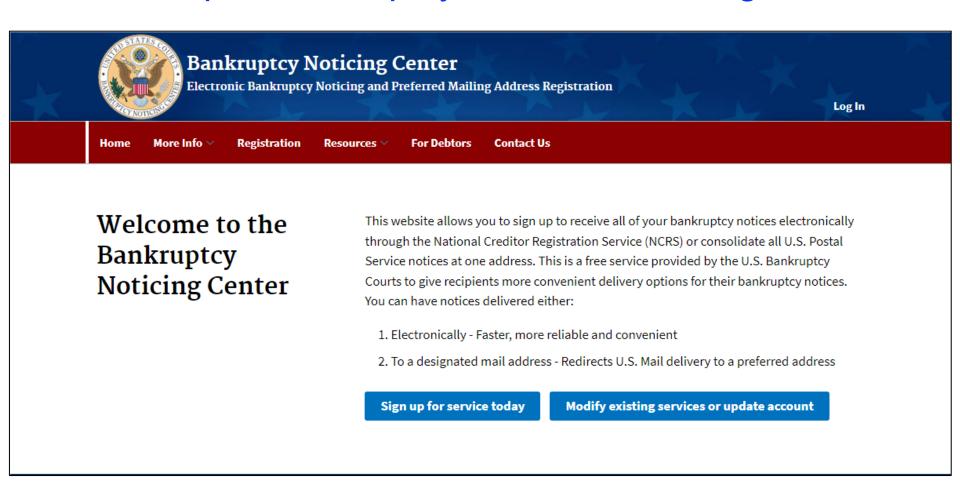
BNC uses the mailing address listed in the debtor's schedules, <u>unless</u> the receiving Party

- Provides a different address to receive notices on a Proof of Claim form, or
- Registers with the BNC to receive notice electronically or at a preferred address.



### **Bankruptcy Notices for Creditors**

#### https://bankruptcynotices.uscourts.gov





## Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (EBN)

Service that delivers court notices electronically.

Service is free, fast, reliable, and convenient



## Mandatory EBN

Parties that receive 25 + paper notices from bankruptcy courts, in a calendar month, must register for electronic noticing with BNC.

If the party does not register, the court will send notices to an email address designated by the Director of the Administrator Office. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9036(n)(2)(B).



## **Bankruptcy Notices for Debtors**

## Debtor Email Notification (DeBN)

Program that allows debtors to receive <u>court</u> notices by email.

Service is free, fast, reliable, and convenient.



## **Bankruptcy Notices for Debtors**

#### **DeBN**

- Debtor completes registration form (Local form MSSB-9036)
- Submit form to the Court.
  - in-person, through the mail, or
  - debtor's counsel files electronically

Bankruptcy > Other > Debtor Request Re: Email Notification



## Questions



# Filing Documents in CM/ECF

# Filing Documents

 Documents must be 8 ½ x 11 including all attachments.

 ECF User must pay filing fees by midnight through Pay.Gov.

Redact all personal identifiers.



#### **How to Find an Event**

Click Search from main menu bar Type term or word in search field Click search icon





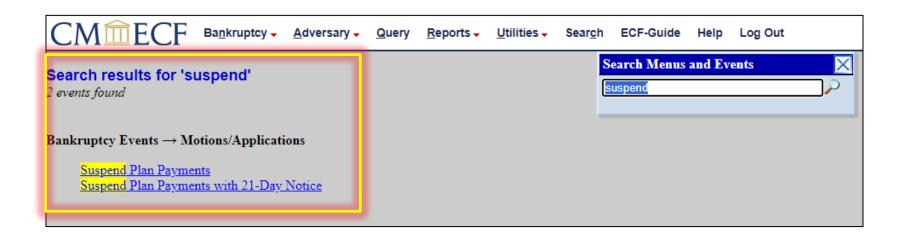
## How to Find an Event

#### **Search Results**

#### Menu Item

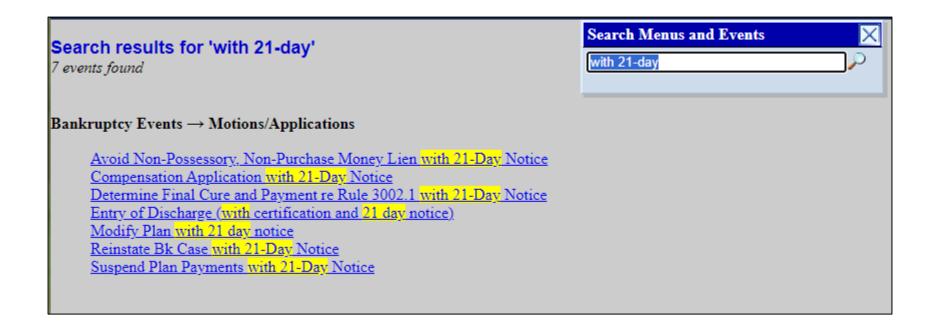
Bankruptcy Events — Motions/Applications

#### **Docket Events**



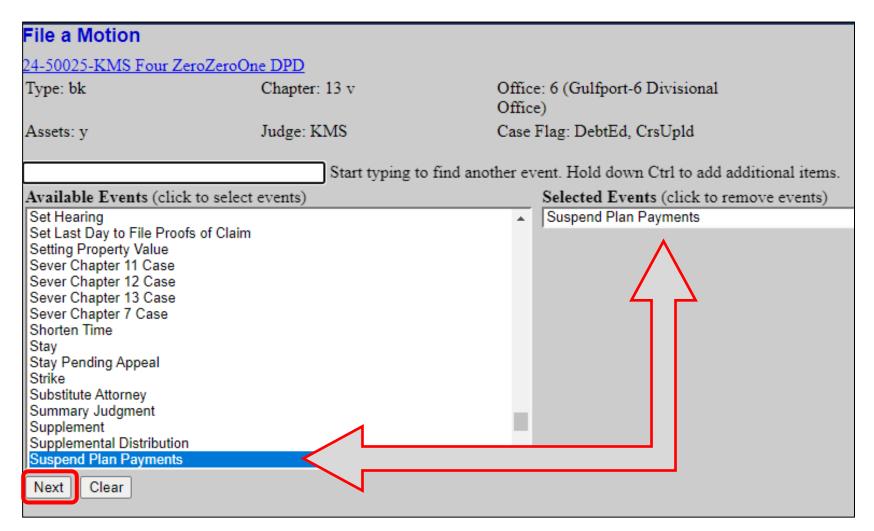


# Search Results Search by string of words





## How to Find an Event





## Questions



## Pleadings and Exhibits



## **Corporate Ownership Statement**

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 7007.1-1 requires nongovernment corporate entities, partnerships, joint ventures, and limited liability companies to file a Corporate Ownership Statement with its first appearance in a case or adversary proceeding.

**Local Forms:** 

MSSB-7007-1-BK

MSSB-7007-1-Adv



## Pleadings & Proposed Orders

All pleadings and proposed orders must have the caption of the case.

Caption (short title) includes:

- Debtor <u>and</u> Joint Debtor's Name
- Case Number
- Chapter
- > Title of Document



# Pleadings & Proposed Orders

# **Case Caption**

- Joint Case Always include both debtors, even when:
  - One debtor is dismissed.
  - Document / pleading applies to one debtor (not both debtors).
     i.e., Wage Order, Reaffirmation Agreement.
- Debtors' name must match the court's docket.



# **Amended Pleadings**



### Select original event to file amended pleading:

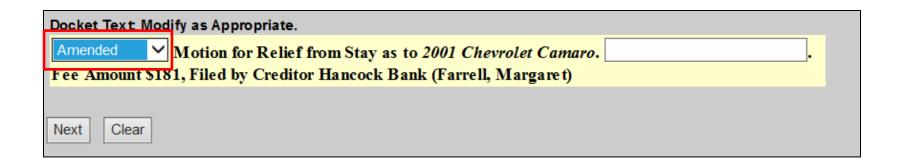
- Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay,
- Motion for Relief from Codebtor Stay,
- Motion to Reopen Bankruptcy Case,
- Motion to Dismiss Debtor
- Motion to Substitute Attorney.



### Select original event to file amended pleading:

- Application to Employ Professional
- Application to Pay Filing Fee in Installments
- Application to Waive Filing Fee
- Application for Compensation and Expenses

### Select "Amended" from drop-down list





# **Amended Pleadings**

### Include "Amended" in title

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE:

JOHN DOE JANE DOE,

CASE NO. 23-55555-KMS

DEBTORS.

**CHAPTER 13** 

Amended Motion to Convert Case





### Filing Fee

Must enter receipt number for initial filing when docketing the amended pleading with original event.

#### Examples

Motion to Convert Case to Chapter 7
Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay
Motion to Reopen Bankruptcy Case



### **Docketing Process**

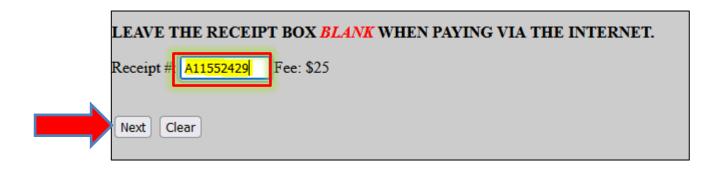
Receipt number is found on case docket

#### **Initial Filing**

<u>28</u>	Motion to Convert Case to Chapter 7 . Fee Amount \$25 Filed by Joint Debtor DARLENE LEWIS (Ash, Jordan) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
29	Receipt of Motion to Convert Case to Chapter 7( <u>19-00788-NPO</u> ) [motion,mcnv7] (25.00) Filing Fee. Receipt number A11552429. Ree amount 25.00. (re: Doc# <u>28</u> ) (U.S. Treasury) (Entered: 01/17/2020)

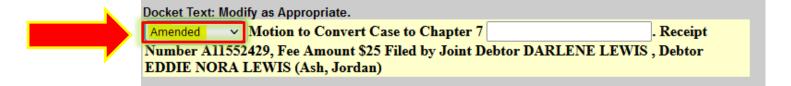
### **Docketing Process**

- Select the appropriate event for the pleading.
- On the fee screen enter the receipt number for the original filing.

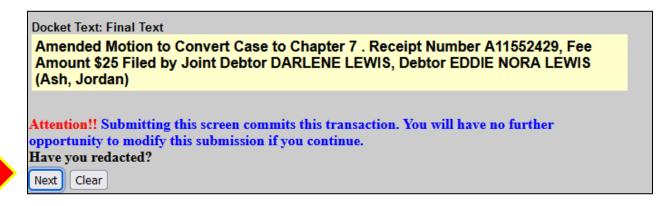


### **Docketing Process**

Select "Amended"



Review text and Click Next





### **Other Amended Pleadings**

### Motion:

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Amended Motion Adversary > Motion > Amended Motion

### **Application**:

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Amended Application Adversary > Motion > Amended Application



# Questions



## **New Docket Events**



# **New Docket Events**

### **Motion and Notice Events**

- Five new events related to the most frequently filed pleadings that require a 21-day notice.
- The events require the filer to upload the motion and notice <u>as one filing</u> rather than filing the motion and notice separately.

# New Docket Event

### **Motion and Notice to Suspend Plan Payments**

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Suspend Plan Payments with 21-Day notice

# New Docket Event

### **Application and Notice for Compensation**

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Compensation Application with 21-Day notice



# Motion and Notice to Avoid Non-Possessory, Non-Purchase Money Lien

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Avoid Non-Possessory, Non-Purchase Money Lien with 21-Day notice



# Motion and Notice to Reinstate Bankruptcy Case

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Reinstate Bk Case with 21-Day notice



# Motion and Notice to Determine Final Cure and Mortgage Payment Rule 3002.1

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Determine Final Cure and Payment re Rule 3002.1 with 21-Day notice

## Questions



### **U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Mississippi**

# **Exhibits**



### **File Exhibits:**

as an attachment to the pleading; or

 incorporate with the pleading (save as one PDF document).



## Exhibit omitted from pleading:

Judge Samson:

- a) file amended pleading to include exhibit and relate to original filing; or
- b) file exhibit and relate to the pleading.

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Bankruptcy > Other > Exhibit
Adversary > Other > Exhibit
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Exhibit omitted from pleading:

Judge Wilson:

Must file amended pleading to include missing exhibit and relate to the original filing.



# Questions



# Application to Employ Professional



## Requirements:

- 1) Application
- 2) Proposed Order
- 3) Notice



### Application must include:

- facts showing need for employment
- name of person to be employed
- reasons for selection
- professional services to be rendered
- verified statement of the person disclosing connections with:
  - debtor
  - creditors
  - any party-in-interest (and their attorneys /accountants)
  - U.S. Trustee and staff

Fed. R. Bank. P. 2014(a)



### **Employ Special Counsel**

Include counsel's address within the application or in the verified statement for the application.



# **Employ Multiple Professionals**

Application to employ <u>multiple</u> professionals must <u>also</u> include:

- Proposed arrangement for compensation
- If contingency case specific allocation of fees by percentage among professionals

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 2014-1(a)(1)



### Proposed Order:

- Submit as an attachment to application
- May not approve the fee contract or compensation.

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 2014-1(a)(2)



### Retroactive Employment

### Application must include:

- Why application was not filed earlier;
- Why order employing is required nunc pro tunc; and
- How approval of application may prejudice a party.

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 2014-1(c)



### Notice Requirements

- Include a statement that recipients have 21 days to file an objection with the court.
- Serve the application and notice on all creditors and parties-in-interest.



### **Docket Events**

### Application:

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Employ (Do Not Use to Employ/Appoint an Examiner)

#### Notice:

Bankruptcy > Notices > Notice - 21 day

# Questions



# Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses



### Application must include statements of:

- Services rendered
- Time expended
- Expenses incurred
- Amounts requested.

Fed. R. Bank. P. 2016(a)



# **Subsequent Application**

Must include all previous orders approving fees, including amounts and hourly rates.



### Requirements if \$1,000 or less requested

- Application with detailed statement and Certificate of Service.
- Proposed Order submitted as attachment to the Application.



Requirements if more than \$1,000 requested

- Application with detailed statement and Certificate of Service.
- Proposed Order submitted as attachment to the Application.
- Notice with Certificate of Service



# Request that exceeds \$1,000

# Notice Requirements

- Must include a statement that recipients have 21 days to file an objection with the court.
- Serve the application and notice on all creditors and parties-in-interest.

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 2002(a)(6)



### **Docket Events**

Application:

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Compensation

Notice:

Bankruptcy > Notices > Notice - 21 day



# Questions



# Redaction/Restriction of Filed Documents



## **Motion to Redact Document**

Redact when a document or attachment includes information protected by Rule 9037(a):

- social-security number,
- taxpayer-identification number, or
- birth date,
- the name of a minor, or
- a financial-account number



# Requirements

- Motion
- Proposed Redacted Document
- Proposed Order
- Filing Fee \$28



#### **Motion must:**

- Identify proposed redactions;
- Include docket or proof-of-claim number of unredacted document
- Certificate of Service

#### Attachment to the Motion:

- Proposed redacted document
- Proposed Order

Motion and attachments are restricted from public access



#### Service

 Serve motion <u>and</u> attachments on debtor, debtor's attorney, trustee, UST, and affected individual.

- Service must be made by <u>mail</u>.
  - May not serve motion electronically through the CM/ECF system.



#### **Local Forms**

Motion – Form MSSB-MRD-1

Proposed Order - Form MSSB-ORD-1



# **Local Form - Motion**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI	
IN RE:	
[NAME OF DEBTOR],	CASE NO. [XX-XXXXX-XXX]
DEBTOR.	CHAPTER [XX]
MOTION TO REDACT DOCUMENT	
Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105(a), §107(c), and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037, [Moving Party] moves	
the Court to enter an order directing the Clerk of Court to docket the attached redacted document	
to replace [Document Name] filed by [Name of Filer] ([Dkt. No or Claim No]) on [Date	
Filed] in the above-styled case. The redacted document is identical to the original document, except	
for the redacted personal identifiers listed below:	
1. [	1
2. [	1
	Respectfully Submitted,
	[Attorney Name and Bar No] [Address] [Telephone] [Email]
Certificate of Service	
On [Date], a copy of this pleading was provided to the following parties via:	
1. First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:	
/s	s/
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# **Local Form - Proposed Order**

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE:

[NAME OF DEBTOR],

CASE NO. [XX-XXXXX-XXX]

DEBTOR.

CHAPTER [XX]

#### ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO REDACT DOCUMENT

This matter comes before the Court on the [Name of Pleading] (the "Motion") and the attached proposed Redacted Document (Dkt. # [\_\_]) filed by [Moving Party] on [Date Filed] in the above-styled case. The Motion alleges that the [Document] ("Original Document") filed by [Name of Filer] ([Dkt. No. \_\_ or Claim No. \_\_]) contains certain personal identifiers that should have been redacted under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037. The Court, having considered the Motion and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, finds that certain relief should be granted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

- The Clerk of Court shall docket the Redacted Document as a replacement filing for the Original Document
- The public access restrictions on the Motion and Original Document shall remain in effect until further court order

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3. Nothing in this order shall affect the rights of the United States Trustee, the debtors, counsel for the debtors, the Case Trustee (the "Trustee"), or counsel for the Trustee in this matter to request access to the Motion or the Original Document by filing the appropriate motion.

##END OF ORDER##

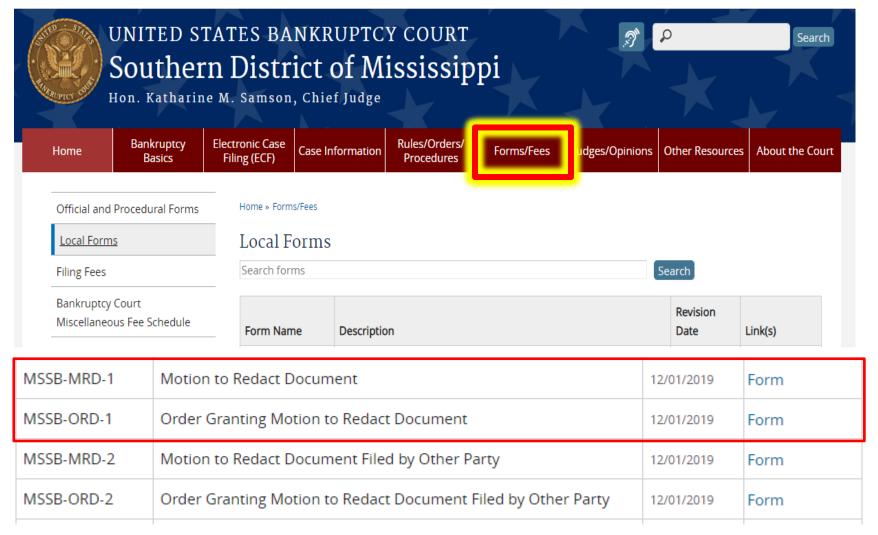
Submitted by: [Attorney Name and Bar No.] [Address] [Telephone Number] [Email address]

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# **Local Forms**





#### **Motion to Redact Document**

#### **Docket Events**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Redact Document (Motion)

Adversary > Motions > Redact Document (Motion)



#### **Motion to Redact Document**

# Another Party Filed Unredacted Document



# Requirements

- Motion
- Proposed Order
- Filing Fee \$28



#### **Motion must:**

- Identify proposed redactions;
- Include docket or proof-of-claim number of unredacted document
- Certificate of Service

#### Attachment to the Motion:

Proposed Order

Motion and attachments are restricted from public access



#### Service

 Serve motion and attachment on debtor, debtor's attorney, trustee, UST, and affected individual.

- Service must be made by <u>mail</u>.
  - May not serve motion electronically through the CM/ECF system.



#### **Local Forms**

Motion – Form MSSB-MRD-2

Proposed Order - Form MSSB-ORD-2



# **Local Form - Motion**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI	
IN RE:	
[NAME OF DEBTOR], CASE NO. [XX-XXXXX-XXX]	
DEBTOR. CHAPTER [XX]	
MOTION TO REDACT DOCUMENT FILED BY OTHER PARTY	
Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105(a), §107(c), and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037, [Moving Party] moves	
the Court to enter an order: (i) waiving the requirement under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037(h)(1)(B) that	
the moving party attach the proposed redacted document to the motion seeking redaction, and (ii)	
authorizing [Party/Filer of Original Document] to re-file the original [Document Name] filed by	
[Name of Filer] ([Dkt. No or Claim No]) on [Date Filed] in the above-styled case with	
redacted personal identifiers listed below:	
1. []	
2. []	
Date: Respectfully Submitted, /s/  [Attorney Name and Bar No] [Address] [Telephone] [Email address]	
Certificate of Service	
On [Date], a copy of this pleading was provided to the following parties via:	
1. First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:	
/s/	
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# Local Form - Proposed Order

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE:

[NAME OF DEBTOR].

CASE NO. [XX-XXXXX-XXX]

DEBTOR.

CHAPTER [XX]

#### ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO REDACT DOCUMENT FILED BY OTHER PARTY

This matter comes before the Court on the [Name of Pleading] (the "Motion") (Dkt. # [\_]) filed by [Moving Party] on [Date Filed] in the above-styled case. The Motion alleges that the [Document] ("Original Document") filed by [Name of Filer] ([Dkt. No. \_\_ or Claim No. \_]) contains certain personal identifiers that should have been redacted under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037. The Court, having considered the Motion and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, finds that certain relief should be granted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

 The Moving Party is relieved of the requirement under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037(h)(1)(B) to attach a proposed redacted document.

- [Filer of Original Document] may re-file the Original Document with all personal identifiers
  redacted as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P 9037. The Court will not take any requested action
  on the restricted Original Document unless and until a properly redacted document is filed
  with the Court.
- The replacement document shall be identical in all respects to the Original Document it replaces, except for the redacted information.
- The public access restrictions on the Motion and Original Document shall remain in effect until further court order.
- 5. Nothing in this order shall affect the rights of the United States Trustee, the debtors, counsel for the debtors, the Case Trustee (the "Trustee"), or counsel for the Trustee in this matter to request access to the Motion or the Original Document by filing the appropriate motion.

##END OF ORDER##

Submitted by: [Attorney Name and Bar No.] [Address] [Telephone Number] [Email address]

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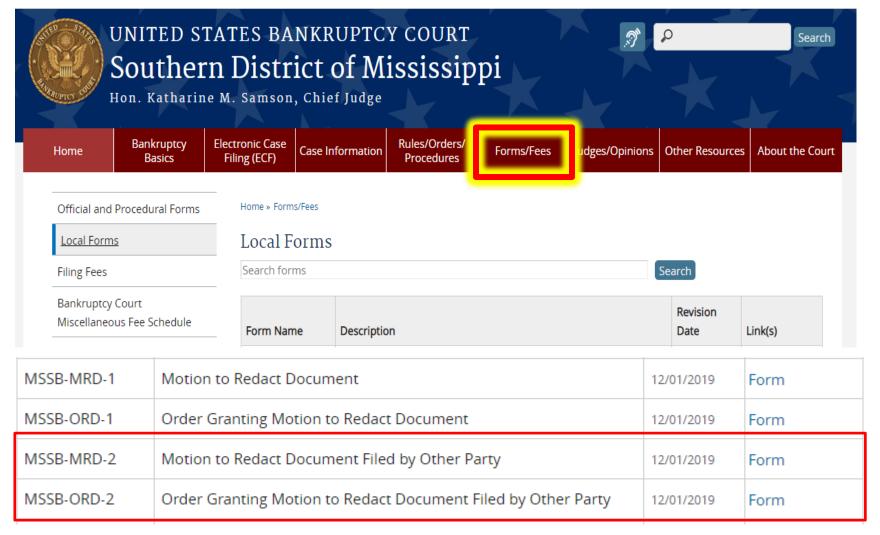
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# **Local Forms**





#### **Motion to Redact Document**

#### **Docket Events**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Redact Document (Motion)

Adversary > Motions > Redact Document (Motion)



# Motion to Restrict Public Access to a Document

Restriction is only available when redaction is not an option.



#### **Examples:**

- Filer selected the wrong event, or
- Filer uploaded the <u>wrong</u> PDF document.



# Requirements

- Motion
- Proposed Order



#### Motion must include:

- Certificate of Service
- Proposed Order (attachment)



#### Service

Serve motion upon the debtor, debtor's attorney, trustee, United States Trustee, and affected individual.



#### **Docket Events:**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Restrict Document (Motion)

Adversary > Motions > Restrict Document (Motion)

### **Restrict or Redact Document**

# Questions



# **Proposed Orders**

# Proposed Orders

 Every motion must include, as an attachment, a proposed order granting the motion.

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 5005-1(a)(2)(D)(i)

 File the proposed order as an attachment to the pleading. Do not include proposed order as an exhibit.



### Orders Affecting Real Property

Must include a legal description

- within the order; or
- as an exhibit to the proposed order

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 4001-1 (a)(1)(E)



### **Technical Requirements**

- Prepare using word processing software.
- Save WORD document as a PDF file.
- Do not password protect the PDF document.



### **Technical Requirements**

- Avoid uploading a scanned version of the proposed order.
- <u>Do not</u> use an image (photo) as proposed order.
- Upload proposed order and all exhibits as one PDF document.



### Formatting Requirements

- 8 ½ x 11 inches
- Orientation Portrait
- Double spaced
- Font size No smaller than 12 point

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 5005-1(a)(2)(G)



### Formatting Requirements (cont.)

- Margins
  - 1st page 3" top 1" bottom
  - Subsequent pages 1" top and bottom
- Do not include a signature line for judge.
- Do not include "So Ordered"
- Include end of order indication. #END OF ORDER##



### Required Contents

- Include docket number for underlying pleading.
   Miss. Bankr. L.R. 5005-1(a)(2)(D)(iii)
- Signature page must include at least the last paragraph of the order.
- Last page must include submitter's name, address, phone number, email address, and bar number. Miss. Bankr. L.R. 5005-1(a)(2)(H)(i)



## **Proposed Orders**



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

In re:

Joseph Wayne Sample Susan Smith Sample Debtors Case No. xx-xxxxx-xxx

Chapter xx

#### ORDER GRANTING RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY AND CO-DEBTOR STAY

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##END OF ORDER##

Approved:

(Signature of attorney)
Attorney's Name
Attorney for Creditor

(Signature of attorney) Attorney's Name Attorney for Debtor

(Signature of trustee) Trustee's Name

Submitted by:

Attorney Name, Bar Id Address City, State, Zip Telephone Number Include text to indicate end of the order.



#### Why Attach Proposed Orders to Pleadings

#### Efficiency:

- If no response/objection, no need to upload a proposed order. Clerk's office presents the proposed order attached to the pleading.
- Eliminates deficiency notices and show cause hearings.

# Proposed Orders

If you forget to attach a proposed order, file order using this event.

#### **Docket Event:**

Bankruptcy/Adversary > Other > Proposed Order



#### Proposed order submitted after a hearing

Submit within 14 days of hearing date.

#### Example:

- Hearing date October 3.
- Settlement reported October 1.
- > Order due October 17 (14 days from Oct. 3)

Miss. Bankr. L.R. 9013-1(e)



#### Need an Extension to Submit Proposed Order

- Must request extension before initial 14-day deadline expires.
- May request via phone or email.
- Generally, 2 extensions allowed. After second extension court reschedules the hearing.

## Questions



## CM/ECF e-Orders System



### Component of ECF system

Registered filers can upload proposed orders for court staff and judges to review, sign, and docket.

The filer can monitor the status of a specific proposed order that they uploaded to the e-Orders system.



### Before uploading to e-Orders, verify:

- Proposed order includes all required signatures.
- Changes initialed by all parties.
- Proposed Order and Exhibits uploaded as a <u>single</u> PDF file.
- Proposed Orders affecting real property contains legal description within the body or attached as an exhibit.



### Order Query Report

Allows an attorney or trustee to check the status of a proposed order uploaded to the e-Order (ECF) system.

The report displays proposed orders uploaded by the individual generating the report.



## e-Orders User Guide



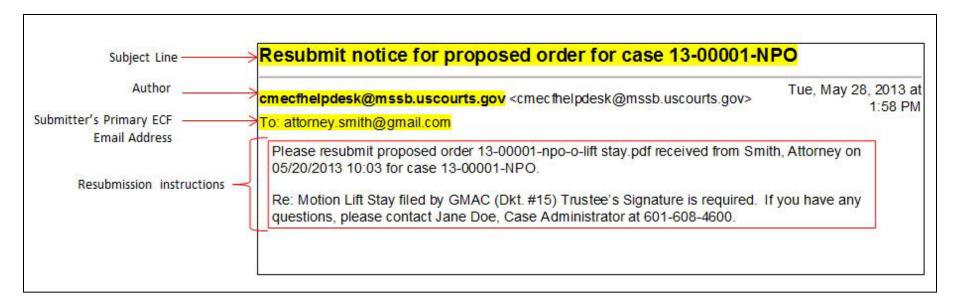


#### Resubmission Notification

- ECF system sends an email to the ECF user's primary email address.
- ECF user's secondary email addresses <u>do not</u> receive resubmission emails.
- ECF user must take action to satisfy resubmission requests <u>before</u> submission deadline expires.



#### Resubmission Notice





## Questions



## **Amendments**



Debtor may amend voluntary **petition**, **list of creditors**, **schedules**, or **statements** any time before the case is closed.

Must give notice to case trustee, US Trustee, and affected entity.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1009(a)



# Amend Voluntary Petition Official Form 101



## May not amend voluntary petition to:

- Add a debtor
- Remove a debtor
- Change chapter



### Amend voluntary petition to correct:

- Name
- Alias
- SSN (last 4 digits)
- Employer Identification Number
- County of residence



#### Correct a Name or Alias - Requirements

- File an Amended Voluntary Petition
- File a Motion to Amend Petition
- Proposed Order filed with Motion



Correct Name or Alias – Filing Events

**Motion** 

Bankruptcy > Motion/Applications > Amend

**Amended Voluntary Petition** 

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Voluntary Petition

## Amend Voluntary Petition

#### Correct Last 4 Digits of SSN – Requirements

- File an Amended Voluntary Petition
- File an Amended Statement About SSN
  - (Official Form 121)
- Provide Notice to creditors of correct SSN
- File Certificate of Service of Notice to creditors

## Amend Voluntary Petition

#### Correct First 5 Digits of SSN – Requirements

- File an Amended Statement About SSN
  - (Official Form 121)
- Provide Notice to creditors of correct SSN
- File Certificate of Service of Notice to creditors

## Amend Voluntary Petition

#### Correct SSN – Filing Events

**Amended Petition** 

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Voluntary Petition

**Amended Statement** 

Bankruptcy > Other > Social Security Number (Form 121)

Certificate of Service

Bankruptcy > Other > Certificate of Service



Correct County of Residence

Requirement

**Amended Voluntary Petition** 

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Voluntary Petition





#### Schedule D

Creditors with Secured Claims

#### Schedule E/F

Creditors with Unsecured Claims

#### **Matrix**

 Name and address of each entity on Schedules D, E/F, G, & H



#### Most common reasons to amend:

- Add creditor
- Remove creditor
- Change amount of a debt
- Change classification of a debt



### Requirements

- File Amended Schedules
  - (Official Forms B106D and/or 106E/F)
- File Declaration About Debtor's Schedules
  - (Official Form 106Dec)
- File Amended Summary of Assets & Liabilities
  - (Official Form 106Sum)



### Requirements (Cont.)

- File Amended List of Creditors/Matrix (to add or remove a creditor)
- File Notice of Amendment
  - (Choose appropriate Local Form)
- Amendment Fee
  - \$34



# Amend Schedules D, E/F, or Matrix

# Filing Fee

A fee is due when amending schedules D, E/F, or the matrix.

To avoid multiple charges, file amended schedules and amended matrix together (one transaction.)



# Amend Schedules D, E/F, or Matrix

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Debtor must give notice to the affected entity or individual, the case trustee, and US Trustee.

The case chapter determines which local form notice to use.

MSSB-A7-2 Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 7 – Assets)

MSSB-A7-1 Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 7 – No Asset)

MSSB-A13-1 Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 13)

MSSB-A11-1 Notice Amending Schedules and/or Matrix (Ch 11)



# Amend Schedules D, E/F, or Matrix

### **Docket Events:**

#### **Amended Schedules and Matrix**

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Schedules D and/or E/F (Fee)

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notice > Notice to Creditors Added by Amendment



# Amend List of Creditors "Matrix"

# Amend Matrix (Only)

If an entity is listed on schedules **D**, **E/F**, **G** or **H** but not on the matrix, the debtor must amend the matrix to add the missing entity.

See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(a)(1)



# Requirements

File an Amended Matrix

- File a Notice of Amendment
  - Local Form

- Pay Amendment Fee
  - \$34



### Local Form – Notice of Amendment

Form Name	Description
MSSB-A7-3	Notice Amending Creditor List/Matrix (Ch 7)
MSSB-A13-2	Notice Amending Creditor List/Matrix (Ch 13)
MSSB-A11-1	Notice Amending Schedules and/or Matrix (Ch 11)



### **Docket Events**

#### **Amended Matrix**

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended List of Creditors (Fee)

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notice > Notice to Creditors Added by Amendment



# Amend Schedules C, G, H

# Amend Schedules C, G, or H

Amendment to Schedules C, G, or H requires notice to affected entity, case trustee, and US Trustee.

Schedule C – Exemptions

Schedule G – Contracts

Schedule H - Codebtors



# Amendment to Schedule C Property Claimed as Exempt



# Requirements

- File Amended Schedule C
  - Official Forms B106
- File Declaration
  - Official Form 106Dec
- File Notice of Amendment
  - Local Form MSSB-ASCH-C



#### **Notice of Amendment**

- Notice must give 30 days objection period.
- Objection filed the court sets a hearing.
- Debtor must serve notice & schedule to all creditors.
- The Notice filed with the court must include a Certificate of Service.



## **Docket Events**

#### **Amended Schedule**

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Schedules A/B, C, G, H, I, J, or J-2 (No Fee)

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notice > Notice of Amendment to Schedule C



# **Amendment to Schedule G Executory Contracts & Unexpired Leases**



# Requirements

- File Amended Schedule G
  - Official Form B106G
- File Declaration
  - Official Form 106Dec
- File Notice of Amendment
  - Local Form MSSB-ASCH-G



### **Notice of Amendment**

- Debtor must serve notice & schedule to any affected entity, trustee, and US Trustee.
- The Notice filed with the court must include a Certificate of Service.



# **Docket Events**

#### **Amended Schedule**

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Schedules A/B, C, G, H, I, J, or J-2 (No Fee)

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notice > Notice (Generic)



# Amendment to Schedule H Codebtors



## Requirements

- File Amended Schedule H
  - Official Form B106H
- File Declaration
  - Official Form 106Dec
- File Notice of Amendment
  - Local Form MSSB-ASCH-H



### **Notice of Amendment**

 Debtor must serve notice & schedule to any affected entity, trustee, and US Trustee.

 The Notice filed with the court must include a Certificate of Service.



### Notice of Amendment

MSSB-ASCH-H (Rev. 12/15)					
Exam Notice of Amendment Sche					
United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Mississippi					
In re:	Case No Chapter				
To: Affected Party [List name & address of e the name & address of each affected party Case Trustee [Input Trustee's Name] U. S. Trustee	each affected party or attach a list containing  }				
Notice of Amendme	ent of Schedule H				
You are hereby notified the above name	ed debtor(s) has filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy				
Court an Amended Schedule H: Your Codebtors (	see attached amended schedule).				
You are further notified that the	debtor's(s') bankruptcy case was filed on				
(date). Documents filed	in the case may be inspected at either location				
of the Clerk's office:					
Dan M. Russell, Jr. U.S. Courthouse 2012 15th Street, Suite 244	Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court United States Courthouse 501 East Court Street, Suite 2.300 Jackson, MS 39201				
	(Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)				
<u>Certificate</u>	Certificate of Service				
have this date served a true and correct copy of th H: Your Codebtors to each affected party via Firs Trustee via Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) thro	st Class U.S. Mail and the case trustee and U.S.				
Date:	(Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)				
Name of Attorney, MS Bar # Address City, State, Zip Telephone Number E-mail address					



# **Docket Events**

#### **Amended Schedule**

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Schedules A/B, C, G, H, I, J, or J-2 (No Fee)

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notice > Notice (Generic)



# Amend Schedule C, G, or H

#### **Local Forms Notices**

Form Name	Description	Revision Date	Link(s)
MSSB-ASCH-C	Notice Amending Schedule C - Property Claimed as Exempt	12/01/2015	<u>Form</u>
MSSB-ASCH-G	Notice Amending Schedule G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases	12/01/2015	<u>Form</u>
MSSB-ASCH-H	Notice Amending Schedule H - Codebtors	12/01/2015	<u>Form</u>



# Amend Schedules A/B, I, or J



# Amend Schedules A/B, I, or J

### Schedule A/B

- Real and Personal Property
- Official Form 106A/B

### Schedule I

- Income
- Official Form 106I

### Schedule J

- Expenses
- Official Form 106J



# Amend Schedules A/B, I, or J

# Requirements

- File Amended Schedule
  - Official Forms B106A/B; B106I; B106J
- File Declaration
  - Official Form 106Dec

Notice of amendment not required.

The case trustee and US Trustee receive notice of the amended schedules through CM/ECF.

# Local Forms

#### www.mssb.uscourts.gov > Forms/Fees > Local Forms





Form Name	Description
MSSB-A7-1	Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 7)
MSSB-A7-2	Notice Amending Creditor List/Matrix (Ch 7)
MSSB-A11-1	Notice Amending Schedules and/or Matrix (Ch 11)
MSSB-A13-1	Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 13)
MSSB-A13-2	Notice Amending Creditor List/Matrix (Ch 13)
MSSB-ASCH-C	Notice Amending Schedule C - Property Claimed as Exempt
MSSB-ASCH-G	Notice Amending Schedule G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases
MSSB-ASCH-H	Notice Amending Schedule H - Codebtors
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# Questions



# U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Mississippi

# **PDF Documents**

# PDF Documents

- The ECF system only accepts PDF format documents.
- <u>All PDF</u> documents must be locked or "**flattened**" before uploading in the court's ECF filing system.
- Flattening ensures that a document can be viewed on all devices.
- Flattening also prevents a user from saving a document offline and editing the information.



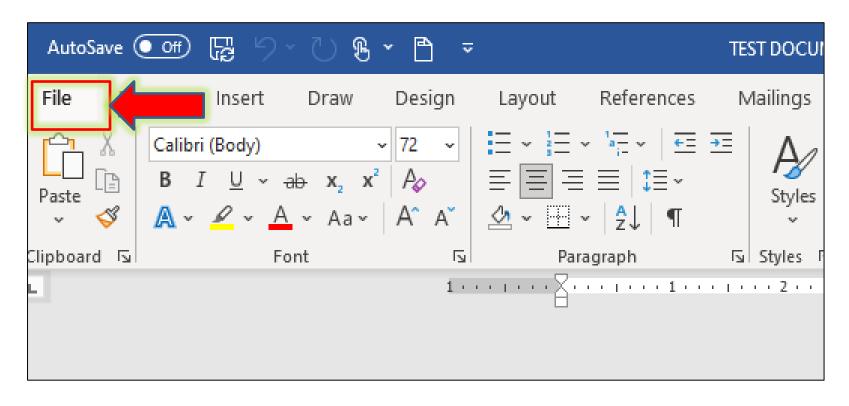
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# WORD to PDF

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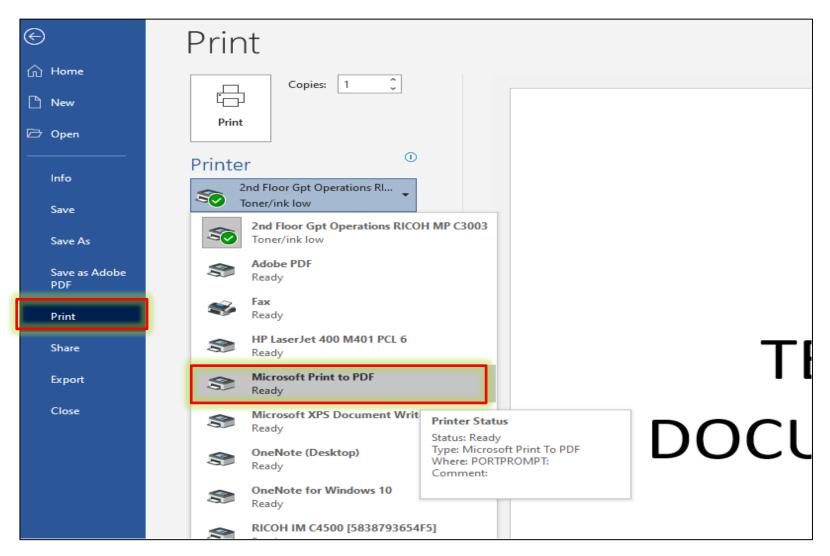


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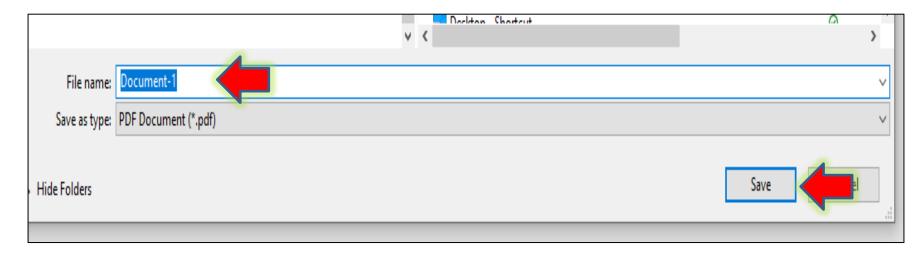


#### Click on "Print" & Select "Microsoft Print to PDF"





#### Name and Save the File





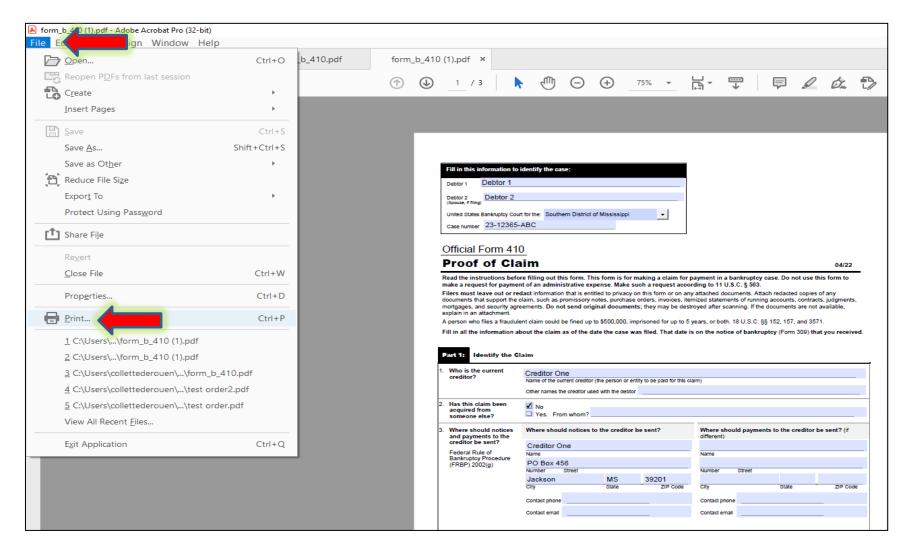
#### PDF – Fillable Forms

# PDF – Fillable Forms

- The easiest way to flatten a fillable PDF form is to save the form using a "PDF printer."
- Similar to method used to save a WORD document as a flattened PDF file.

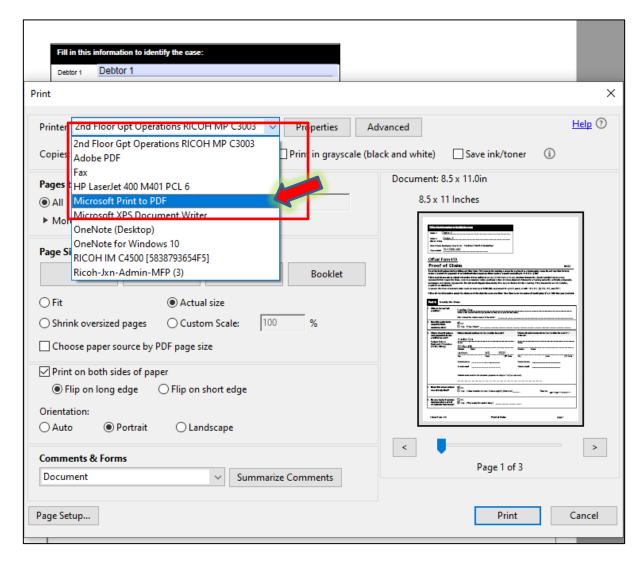


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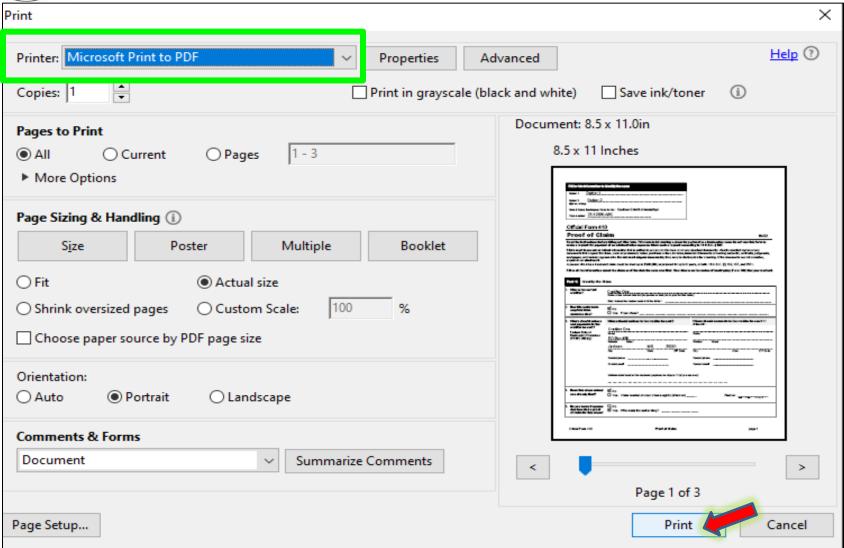


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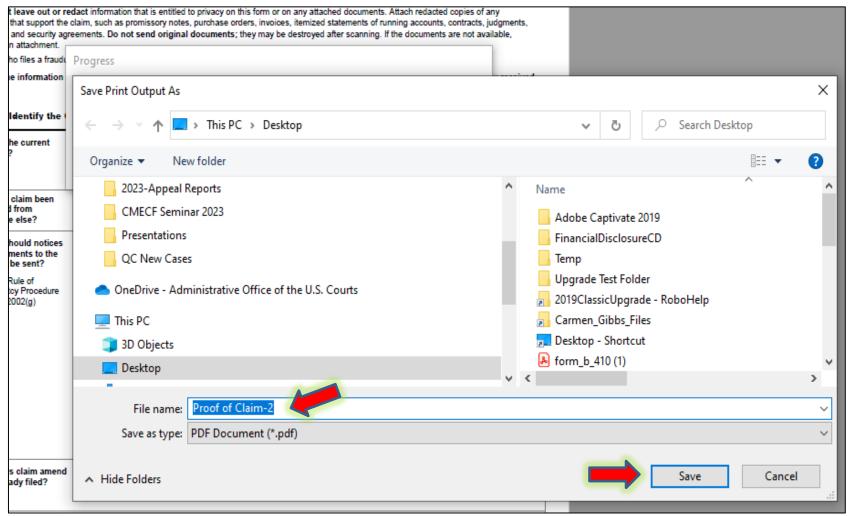
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#### Flatten PDF Fillable Document

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## Flattened vs. Un-Flattened

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#### Official Form 410

Proof of Claim 04/22

Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, involves, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

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Creditor One  Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)  Other names the creditor used with the debtor						
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	to the creditor	be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)			
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## Questions



# Chapter 13 Plan



#### Requirements

- File Chapter 13 Plan
  - Local Form MSSB-113
  - Information typewritten
- Give Notice of the Plan



## **Notice Requirements**

- File Notice of Filing of Plan
  - Local Form MSSB-LR-3015-1
- Serve the notice and copy of the plan within
   7 days after the filing of the: (whichever occurs later)
  - 341 Notice (Official Form 309i) or
  - Plan



#### Improper Noticing may cause:

- Trustee continue meeting of creditors;
- Delay plan confirmation
  - No disbursement of attorney fees or payments to the creditors
- Court Dismiss the Case



# **Notice of Chapter 13 Plan**

## Questions



# Chapter 13 Plan Modifications



# Modify Chapter 13 Plan Before Confirmation



#### **Modify Chapter 13 Plan Before Confirmation**

#### Requirements

- Proposed Modified Plan (Local Form)
- Notice & Certificate of Service

See Amended Standing Order Procedure for Modification of Chapter 13 Plan (2019-01)



## <u>Plan</u>

Must file modified plan using Local Form MSSB-113



## **Notice**

Must provide a 30-day negative notice. If an objection is filed, the court will set a hearing.

The Notice filed with the court must include a Certificate of Service.



#### Step 1 - File Proposed Modified Plan

#### **Docket Event**

Bankruptcy > Plan > Modified Chapter 13 Plan

#### Filer must:

- Relate modified plan to previous plan; and
- Select specific motions or requests when the plan includes new debt in parts 3.2 or 3.4, <u>new</u> collateral in, 3.5 or new lease contracts in 6.1.



# Selections made during the docketing process determines the docket text.

Select any of the following motions/requests (if any) that were NOT included with the previous Plan and are now being added to this modified plan, and click Next to continue.
<ul> <li>Motion for valuation of security, payment of fully secured claims, and modification of undersecured claims [Part 3.2]</li> <li>Motion to avoid lien pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 522 [Part 3.4]</li> <li>✓ Request to surrender collateral [Part 3.5]</li> <li>□ Request for assumption of executory contracts and/or unexpired leases [Part 6.1]</li> </ul>
Next Clear

12/12/2017 Modified Chapter 13 Plan to include Request to Surrender Collateral). Filed by

(8 pgs) Debtor XXXXXXX. (RE: related document(s) 14 Chapter 13 Plan). (XXXXXXX,

XXXXX) (Entered: 12/12/2017)



#### Step 2 - File Notice & Cert. of Service

#### **Docket Event**

Bankruptcy > Notices > Notice of Modified Plan (30 day)] (Chapter 13)

#### Filer must:

- Include a Certificate of Service with the Notice; and
- Relate Notice to Modified Plan



# Modify Chapter 13 Plan After Confirmation

Modifying a chapter 13 plan <u>after</u> confirmation requires court approval.



#### Requirements

- Motion with Certificate of Service
- Proposed Order

See Amended Standing Order Procedure for Modification of Chapter 13 Plan (2019-01)



#### Motion must include

A statement giving affected entities, case trustee, and US Trustee 30 days to object to the proposed modification. If an objection is filed, the court will set a hearing.



#### **Step 1 - File Motion**

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Applications/Motions > Modify Plan with 30 day notice



## **Modify Plan After Confirmation**

#### **Step 2 – Upload Proposed Order**

**Docket Event** 

Bankruptcy > Orders Upload > Single Order Upload



# **Modify Chapter 13 Plan**

### Questions



# Chapter 13 Discharge

Chapter 13 discharge procedures are governed by:

Amended Standing order Adopting Procedures for Obtaining Discharge in Chapter 13 Cases



### Chapter 13 Discharge § 1328(a) & (h)

#### **Plan Completed**

 Debtor must file a motion that includes specific verifications and provides 21 days to file an objection.

- File motion using Local Form MSSB-M13-1.
- Absent any objections, the court will enter a discharge order.



## **Local Form MSSB13-1**

MSSB-M13-1 (Rev. 02/23)	MSSB-M13-1 (Rev. 02/23)
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  In re:    Case No.     Chapter 13     Debtor's Certification and     Motion for Entry of Chapter 13 Discharge     Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1328 (a) and (b)     This motion seeks an order discharging the debtor(s) pursuant to § 1328(a) of the bankruptcy code. If you oppose this motion, you must file a response with the court within twenty-one (21) days from the date listed below in the certificate of service. Your response must set forth the specific factual allegations with which you disagree, and a copy of your response must be served on the debtor(s) and debtor's(s') attorney. If no timely response is filed, the court may grant this motion without holding a hearing, a timely response is necessary for a hearing to be held.	F. If I/we owe a debt arising from: (i) any violation of any State or Federal securities laws, regulations or orders, (ii) fraud, deceit or manipulation in a fiduciary capacity or in connection with the purchase or sale of any security, (iii) a civil remedy under § 1964 of Title 18 of the United States Code, or (iv) any criminal act, intentional tort, or willful or reckless misconduct that caused serious injury or death to another individual in the preceding five (5) years, then I/we have not claimed an exemption for my/our property in an amount in excess of the statutory cap as prohibited by § 522(q)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(h)(1) and § 522(q)(1)(B)  G. No proceeding is pending in which I/we may be found guilty of a felony of the kind described in § 522(q)(1)(A) or in which I/we may be found liable for a debt of the kind described in § 522(q)(1)(B). 11 U.S.C. § 1328(h)(2)  H. I/We have made all payments required by my confirmed Chapter 13 plan.
By signing below, the debtor(s) certifies under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true	2. Debtor(s) baseby means the Court for the entry of a discharge order in this case.
and correct:	Signed: Debtor's Signature Date
A. For cases filed on or after March 10, 2008, I/we have completed a personal financial management instructional course provided through an agency approved by the United States Trustee and have filed a statement prepared as prescribed by Official Form 423 (In a joint case, both husband and wife must each complete the course and file an Official Form 423) or the approved personal financial management course provider has notified the court that I/we have completed a post-petition instructional course concerning personal financial management. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(g)  B. All pre-petition amounts owed by me on a domestic support obligation ("Domestic Support	Spouse's Signature (in Joint Cases only)  Attorney for the Debtor(s)  State Bar No. Address Telephone Number e-mail address
Obligation" as defined at 11 U.S.C. § 101(14A)), if any, have been paid to the extent provided by the plan. All post-petition amounts owed by me on a domestic support obligation, if any, have been paid. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(a)	e-mail address  3. Mailing address for filing responses: {change address as appropriate}
C. I/We have not received a discharge under chapter 7, 11 or 12 of the Bankruptcy Code in a prior case filed during the four-year period preceding the date that the petition was filed in this case. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f)(1)	Jackson Office:  Danny L. Miller, Clerk of Court United States Bankruptcy Court United States Bankruptcy Court Thad Cochran U.S. Courthouse 501 E. Court Street. Suite 2 300 2012 15th Street. Suite 244
D. I/We have not received a discharge under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code in a prior case filed during the two-year period before the date that the petition was filed in this case. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f)(2)	Jackson, Mississippi 39201 Gulfport, Mississippi 39501 <u>Certificate of Service</u>
E. I/we have not been convicted of a felony, the circumstances of which would demonstrate that the filing of this bankruptcy case constituted an abuse of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(h)(1) and § 522(q)(1)(A)	On, a copy of this pleading was served on each of the persons listed on the attached service list either by prepaid United States mail or via electronic service through the Court's CM/ECF system at the mailing addresses and/or email addresses indicated.
	Signature
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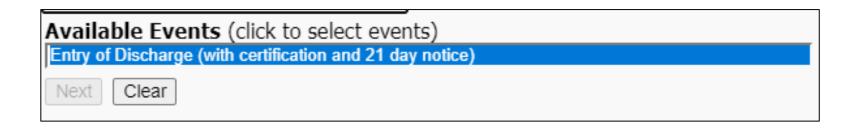


### Chapter 13 Discharge § 1328(a) & (h)

#### **Motion**

#### **Docket Event:**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Entry of Discharge (with certification and 21 day notice)





# Chapter 13 Hardship Discharge



#### Chapter 13 Hardship Discharge § 1328(b)

#### Plan Incomplete

- Debtor must file a motion ("Hardship Motion") no local form.
- Certification in support of the motion using local form Local form MSSB-1328(b)-Cert. (File as an attachment to the Hardship Motion.)



### Local Form MSSB-1328(b)-Cert

MSSB-1328(b)-Cert (02/23)

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

In re:		Case No.: ##-####-#	
	Debtor(s)	Chapter 13	

Certification in Support of Motion for Hardship Discharge Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1328(b)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 2013-03, effective 12/01/2013, and 11 U.S.C. § 1328(b), by signing the below, the debtor(s) certifies under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true and correct:

- 1. I/We have completed a personal financial management instructional course provided through an agency approved by the United States Trustee and have filed a statement prepared as prescribed by Official Form 423 (In a joint case, both husband and wife must each complete the course and file an Official Form 423) or the approved personal financial management course provider has notified the court that I/we have completed a post-petition instructional course concerning personal financial management. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(g)
- 2. The status of "Domestic Support Obligation" as defined at 11 U.S.C. § 101(14A)) is:

11 U.S.C. § 1328(a)

- I/We have not received a discharge under chapter 7, 11 or 12 of the Bankruptcy Code in a prior
  case filed during the four-year period preceding the date that the petition was filed in this case.
   U.S.C. § 1328(f)(1)
- I/We have not received a discharge under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code in a prior case filed during the two-year period preceding the date of the petition was filed in this case.
   U.S.C. § 1328(f)(2)
- I/We have not been convicted of a felony, the circumstances of which would demonstrate that
  the filing of this bankruptcy case constituted an abuse of the provisions of the Bankruptcy
  Code. 11 U.S.C. § 1328(h)(1) and § 522(q)(1)(A).
- 6. If I/we owe a debt arising from: (i) any violation of any State or Federal securities laws, regulations or orders, (ii) fraud, deceit or manipulation in a fiduciary capacity or in connection with the purchase or sale of any security, (iii) a civil remedy under § 1964 of Title 18 of the United States Code, or (iv) any criminal act, intentional tort, or willful or reckless misconduct that caused serious injury or death to another individual in the preceding five (5) years, then

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MSSB-1328	(b)-Cert (02/23)			
cap as	I/we have not claimed an exemption for my/our property in an amount in excess of the statutory cap as prohibited by $\S522(q)(1)$ of the Bankruptcy Code. 11 U.S.C. $\S$ 1328(h)(1) and $\S$ 522(q)(1)(B)			
<ol> <li>No proceeding is pending in which I/we may be found guilty of a felony of the kind described in § 522(q)(1)(A) or in which I/we may be found liable for a debt of the kind described in § 522 (q)(1)(B). 11 U.S.C. § 1328(h)(2)</li> </ol>				
Signed:	Debtor's Signature	Date		
	Spouse's Signature (in Joint Cases only)	Date		
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### Chapter 13 Hardship Discharge § 1328(b)

### **Hardship Motion**

#### **Docket Event:**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Hardship Discharge

Available Events (click to select events)

| Hardship Discharge |
| Next | Clear |



### Chapter 13 Hardship Discharge § 1328(b)

### The court enters an order setting:

- Hearing on the motion
- Deadlines to file:
  - response to the motion
  - complaint to determine dischargeability of a debt under § 523(a)(6).



### Order Setting & Complaint Deadline

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE:

DEONTAE COLEMAN

CASE NO. 18-00743 KMS

DEBTOR.

CHAPTER 13

#### ORDER SETTING HEARING AND CONDITIONALLY SETTING TIME FOR FILING COMPLAINTS TO DETERMINE THE DISCHARGEABILITY OF ANY DEBT UNDER § 523(a)(6)

This matter came before the Court on the Debtor's Motion for Hardship Discharge ("Motion for Hardship Discharge") (Dkt. #70), in which the Debtor has requested a discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1328(b) prior to completion of plan payments. The Court finds that the Motion for Hardship Discharge should be set for hearing and also finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4007(d), that a deadline to file a complaint to determine the dischargeability of any debt under § 523(a)(6) should be set in the event the Court grants the Motion for Hardship Discharge.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Motion for Hardship Discharge hereby is set for July 13, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., in the William M. Colmer Federal Building, Courtroom 2, 701 Main Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Objections or Responses to the Motion for Hardship Discharge must be filed and served on or before July 6, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the Court grants the Motion for Hardship Discharge, creditors will have until sixty (60) days after the entry of that order to file a complaint to determine the dischargeability of any debt under § 523(a)(6).

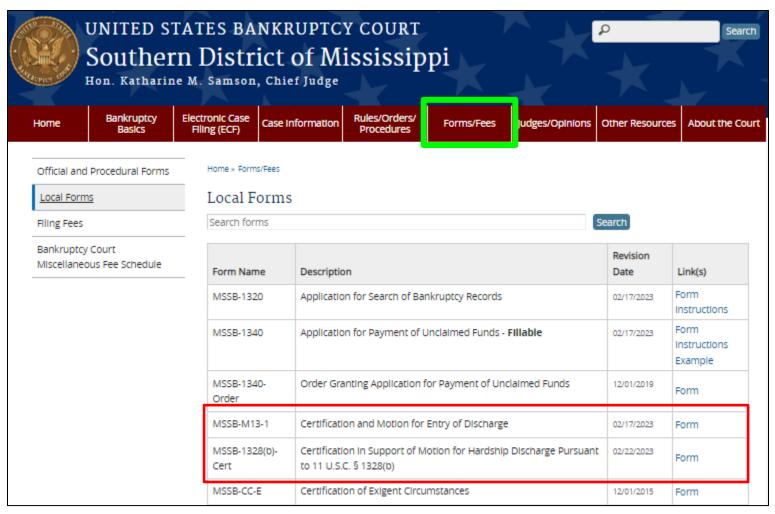
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the Court denies the Motion for Hardship Discharge, no deadline will arise as this issue will be moot.

##END OF ORDER##



### **Local Forms**

#### www.mssb.uscourts.gov/forms/all-forms



### Questions



# Motion to Reopen Chapter 7 and 13 Cases



### Motion to Reopen Ch 7 or 13

Historically, the court required a 21-day negative notice for any motion to reopen filed by the debtor or a creditor.

Now, a 21-day notice is only required in certain situations.



### Motion to Reopen Ch 7 or 13

## 21-Day Notice Required when the debtor wants to:

- file their post-financial management certificate to receive a discharge.
- reinstate their case (case was previously dismissed).



### Questions



### Motion to Declare Lien Satisfied Under Confirmed Plan



In chapter 12 or chapter 13 cases, debtor may request the court declare a secured claim satisfied and lien released under terms of the confirmed plan.

See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 5009(d)



### Requirements

#### Motion with 30-day negative notice

- Local Form MSSB-5009-NM1340 Notice and Motion for Entry of Order Declaring Lien Satisfied
- Include Certificate of Service.

#### **Proposed Order**

- Local Form MSSB-5009-Order
- Filed as an attachment to the motion



### Requirements

- Debtor must serve motion and notice on lien holder, case trustee, and US Trustee.
- Service must be in the manner provided by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004 for service of a summons and complaint.



#### **Local Form**





### **Notice and Motion Local Form**

MSSB-5009-NM (Rev. 02/23)	
UNITED STAT	TES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN	DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
In re:	
	Case No.:
	Chapter:
Delaw(s)	Caspier.
NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ENTI	RY OF ORDER DECLARING LIEN SATISFIED
	a motion has been filed requesting entry of an order declaring
	the lien has been released under the term of a confirmed plan.
If you do not want the Court to grant the attack	sed motion filed on behalf of the Debtor(s), a written response
must be filed with the Clerk, U.S. Bankrupto	v Court, Southern District of Mississippi at one of the below
offices:	
Thad Cochran U.S. Courthouse	Dan M. Russell, Jr. U.S. Courthouse
501 E. Court Street, Suite 2.300 Jackson, MS 39201	2012 15th Street, Suite 244
Jackson, MS 39201	Gulfport, MS 39501
and a convenue he second on the undersigned	i Debtor(s)' attorney and the Chaptertrustee on or
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notify you of the date, time, and place of the l	
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DATED:	
CHAPTER TRUSTEE	
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City State Zip Code	
	Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)
	Attorney Name
	Address
	**************************************
	City State Zip Code
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ana ana ana		S BANKRUPTCY COURT	
	SOUTHERN DI	ISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI	
In re:			
		Case No.:	
	Delicor(a)	Chapter:	
	Daniel III		
	MOTION FOR ENTRY OF O	RDER DECLARING LIEN SATISFIED	
		-captioned case and files this motion for entry of an order	
declari	ing that the secured claim described below	v has been satisfied and the lien has been released under the	
terms o	of a confirmed plan in accordance with F	ed. R. Bankr. P. 5009(d).	
	Creditor/Lienholder:		
	Description of Collateral:		
	Recording Office:		
	Book/Page or File No.:		
In sunn	port of this motion, the Debtor(s) represen	nt(s) the following to the Court:	
		an(i) are into want to are count.	
1.	The Creditor/Lienholder named above	is the holder of a claim that was secured by property of the	
	estate subject to a lien under applicable	nonbankruptcy law.	
2.	The secured claim has been satisfied an	d the lien has been released under the terms of a confirmed	
	plan.		
3.	The Court has entered an Order of Disc	harge (Dkt. # ) in the above-captioned case.	
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the manner provided by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004 for service of a summons and complaint.			
	the manner provided by Ped. R. Banki.	P. 7004 for service of a summons and complaint.	
	Therefore Debter(s) recover(s) that the	ne Court enter an order declaring that the secured claim	
describ		n has been released under the terms of a confirmed plan.	
		ant a copy of the order along with a copy of the Order of	
		notation of satisfaction of the lien in the lien records.	
		Respectfully submitted,	
		Signature of Attorney for Debsor(s)	
		Attorney Name	
		Address	
		City State Zip Code	
		Phone Number MS Ray Number	
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### **Proposed Order Local Form**

MSSB-5009-Order (9/18)				
	UNITED STAT	TES BANKR	CUTPCY COURT	
	SOUTHERN I	DISTRICT (	OF MISSISSIPPI	
In re:			Case No.:	
			Chapter: 13	•
	Debtor(s)			
	ORDER DE	CLARING LI	EN SATISFIED	
Lien Satisfied (the "Motion") (Dkt. # ) pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 5009(d) filed on behalf of the Debtor(s) in the above-styled case. The Debtor(s) represented to the Court that all parties in interest were served with a copy of the Motion and notice and the Motion could be granted if no objection was filed by the deadline provided in the notice. No party has timely objected to entry of an order declaring that the secured claim described below has been satisfied and the lien has been released under the terms of a confirmed plan:				
	Creditor/Lienholder:			
	Description of Collateral:			
	Recording Office:			
	Book/Page or File No.:			
Accord	Accordingly, it is hereby, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:			
	1. The Motion is granted.			
	2. The lien(s) described above are declared satisfied.			
	<ol> <li>The Debtor is authorized to present a copy of this order along with a copy of the Order of Discharge to the applicable recording office for notation of satisfaction of the lien in the lien records.</li> </ol>			
	##END OF ORDER##			
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#### **Motion**

#### **Docket Event:**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Declare Lien Satisfied with 30 day notice



Note: File Proposed Order as attachment to the motion.



### Questions



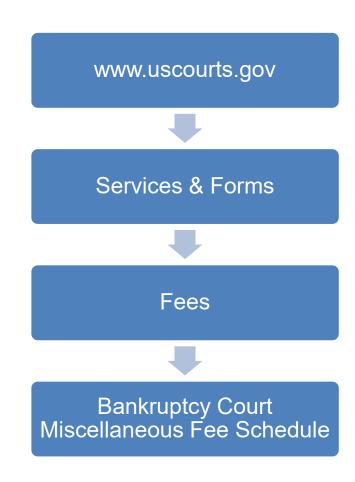
## Filing Fees

# Filing Fees

The bankruptcy clerk must collect all "fees, costs, and other monies" and account for their payment into the United States Treasury.



- 28 USC § 1930(a)
  - Initial filing fees
- 28 USC § 1930(b)
  - Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule



# Filing Fees Not Required

Exempt - Federal Statute or Rule does not require the party to pay a fee.

Defer - Party requests to delay paying fee.

Waive - Filing fee is waived by the court.

#### United States Government Agencies:

- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

United States Trustee (UST)

(other than acting as a private trustee in the case)



#### **Individual debtor that files:**

- Adversary Complaint.
- Motion to Reopen to file an action related to discharge.



#### Chapter 7 Trustee files:

- Adversary Complaint on behalf of the estate.
- Motion to Reopen to Recover Assets
  - No assets recovered no fee due
  - Assets recovered fee payable from the estate.



Voluntary Petition *In Forma Pauperis*:

Individual chapter 7 debtor whose income is less than 150% of the official poverty line and is unable to pay the filing fee in installments.

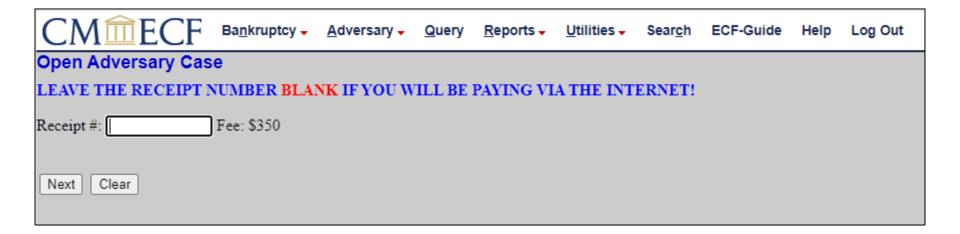


How to prevent fee charge by ECF when fee is not required by statute, rule, etc.



## **Exempt from Filing Fee**

### **Docketing Process**





## **Exempt from Filing Fee**

### **Docketing Process**



Filer exempt - type "Exempt" in receipt field.

Avoid using characters e.g., "n/a"



## **Exempt from Filing Fee**

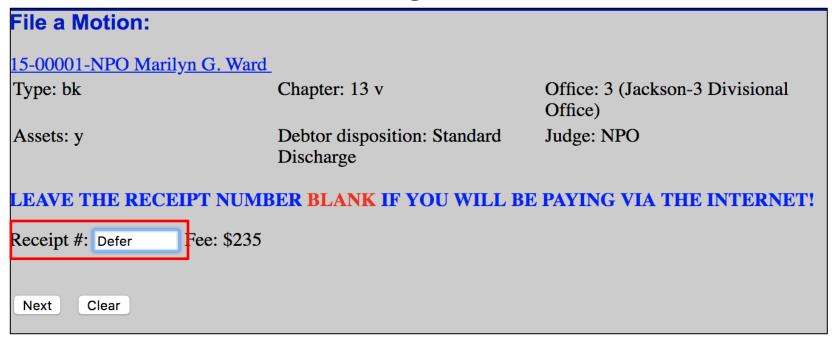
### **Docketing Process**

Filing Date	#	Docket Text
07/03/2024	1 (7 pgs)	Adversary case 24-06001, (63 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(8), student loan)): Complaint by Thomas Carl Rollins Jr on behalf of June Bug against IRS Receipt Number Exempt, Fee Amount \$350 (Rollins, Thomas) (Entered: 07/03/2024)

"Exempt" replaces the receipt number.



### **Docketing Process**



Filer requests deferment - enter "Defer" in receipt field.



### **Docketing Process**

Motion to Reopen Chapter 13 Case (1 pg)  Motion to Reopen Chapter 13 Case Amount \$235 Filed by Debtor Mar (Entered: 07/18/2018)	1
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"DEFER" replaces the receipt number.



### Case Opening Process

Open Voluntary Bankruptcy Case			
Prior filing within last 8 years no 😊	Type of debtor		
Fee status IFP filing fee waived 🗘	• Individual		
Nature of debt consumer 💸	<ul><li>Corporation (includes LLC &amp; LLP)</li><li>Partnership</li></ul>		
Asset notice No 🗘	Other		

Filing Fee Waived - In Forma Pauperis

(Only Chapter 7 individual debtors)



### **Docketing Process**

Filing Date	#	Docket Text	
07/19/2018	1 (2 pgs)	Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition Individual . Filed by Carol Seymour (Derouen, Collette) (Entered: 07/19/2018)	

### No Receipt or Fee Information



## **Unpaid Filing Fees**



#### **CM/ECF Lockout Feature**

- 28 USC. § 1930 requires fees be paid at time of filing.
- Fees not paid same day
  - ECF system prevents user from filing until all outstanding fees are paid.



#### **Email Notification**



**Outstanding Fees** 

ECF\_Notification\_Do-Not-Reply to:

07/13/2018 01:00 AM Hide Details

From: To:  ${\sf ECF\_Notification\_Do-Not-Reply@mssb.uscourts.gov}$ 

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Mississippi

This is an automated notice to remind you that you have outstanding fees due to the Bankruptcy Court. 28 U.S.C. Section 1930 requires that fees be paid at the time of filing. Please click on the link to make payments - Internet Payments Due Failure to pay these fees may cause the case to be dismissed without further notice pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 707(a)(2).

If you are having technical difficulties in processing your payment, please call 601-608-4600.

CM/ECF will automatically disable access for users with fees outstanding for over 1 days. A user who is disabled may login to CM/ECF, but may not view or file any documents until he or she pays all associated fees. Once fees are paid, log out from CM/ECF, close and reopen your browser, and log in to CM/ECF again.



#### Summary of Charges





#### Lockout Message





#### **Payment**

Utilities > Your Account > Internet Payments Due





#### Internet Payments Due

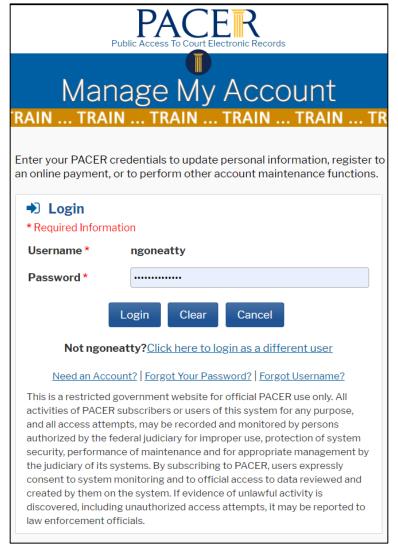




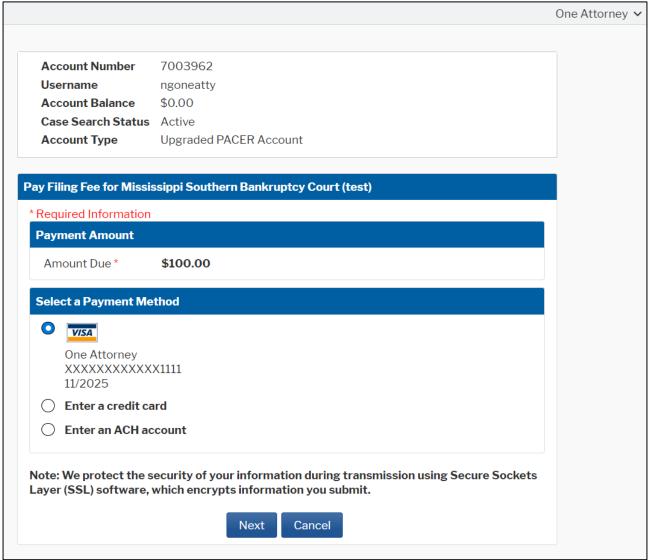
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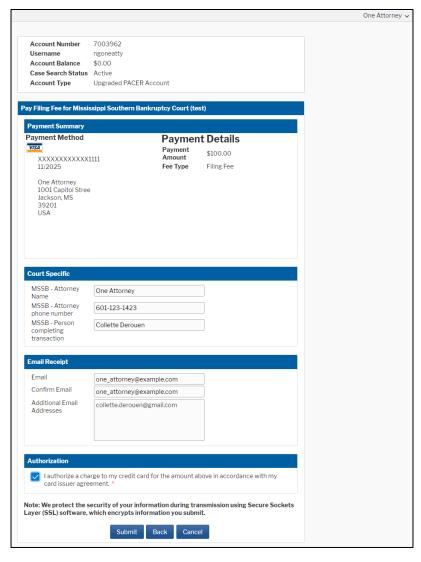






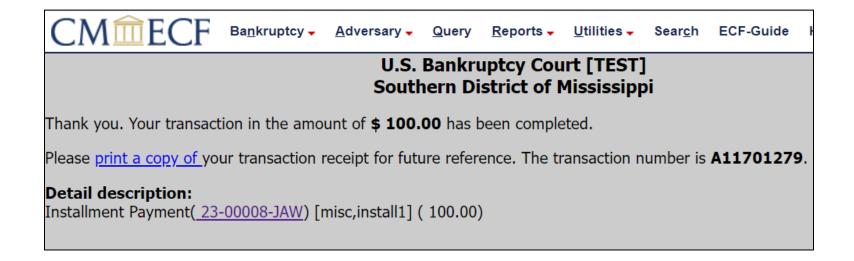




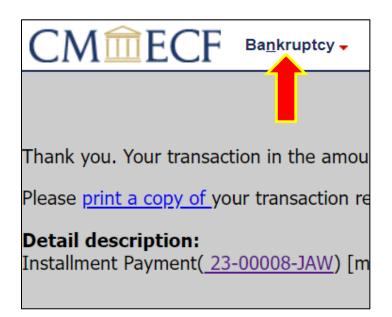




#### Payment Transaction Receipt



#### **Account Unlocked**









# Questions



Attorneys may make installment payments online for the debtor.



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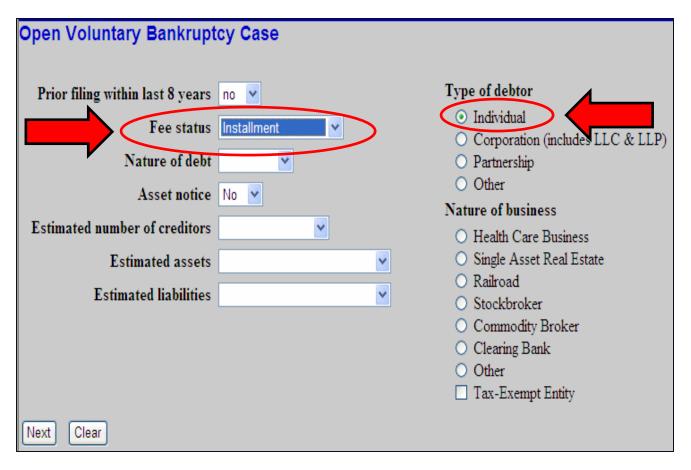
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- Cost-effective
- Simple



- 1. Open an installment case
- 2. Docket an event to make an installment payment.

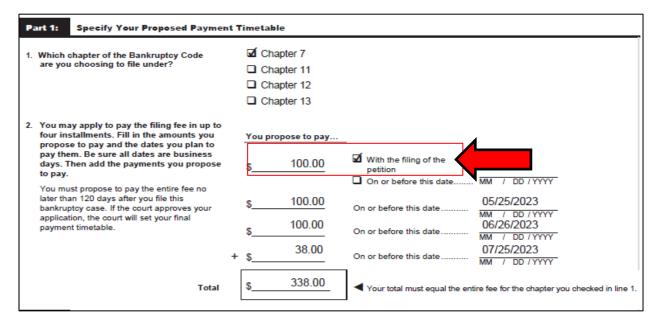




Fee Status Screen

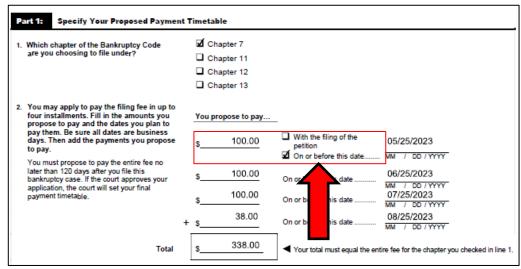


Open Voluntary Bankruptcy Case		
All Petitions Paid in Installments Must be Accompanied by An Application To Pay Filing Fees in Installments. Otherwise, The Full Fee Will Be Charged To your Credit Card.		
Receipt #: Fee: \$100.00  Next Clear		









# Docket Installment Payment in a Case



What to know before making an installment payment online:

- Type of Installment (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Final)
- Installment Amount

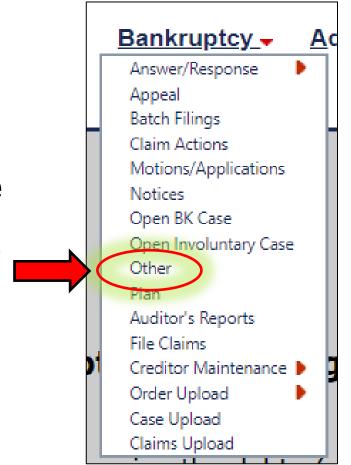




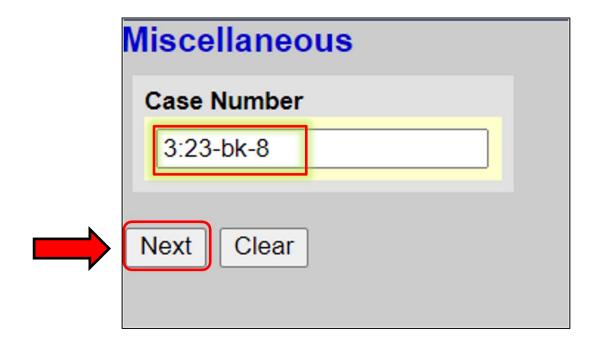
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Select **Other** from the Bankruptcy event List

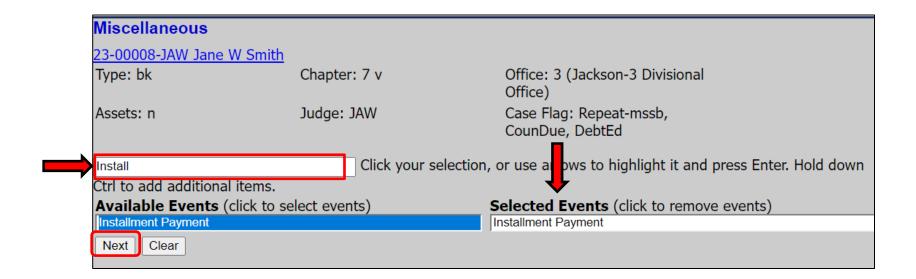






Enter case number and Click Next





#### Select event and Click Next



#### Important Message

#### Miscellaneous:

23-00008-JAW Jane W Smith

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Office)

Assets: n Judge: JAW Case Flag: Repeat-mssb,

CounDue, DebtEd

#### **IMPORTANT:**

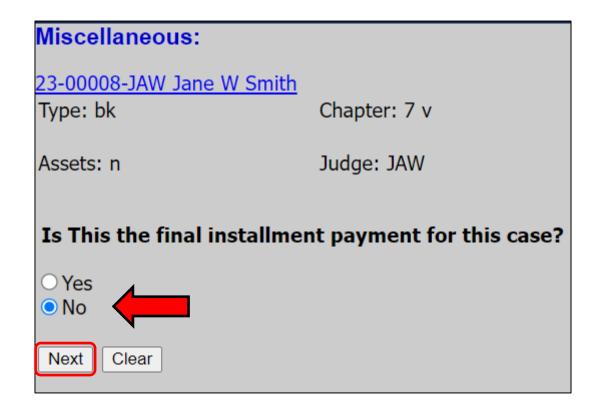
If this is a final installment payment please insure that you are paying the exact amount due.

Over payments are forfeited to the government with no recourse due to Judicial Conference policy.

Next

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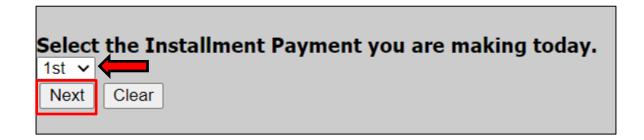




Miscellaneous:	
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Assets: n	Judge: JAW
Select the Installment Pay	ment you are making today.
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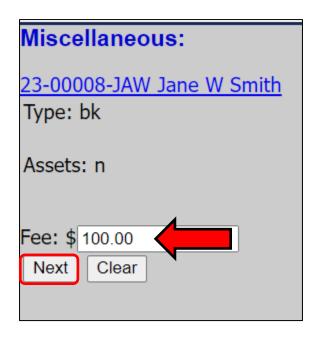
Select payment type





#### Click **Next** to continue

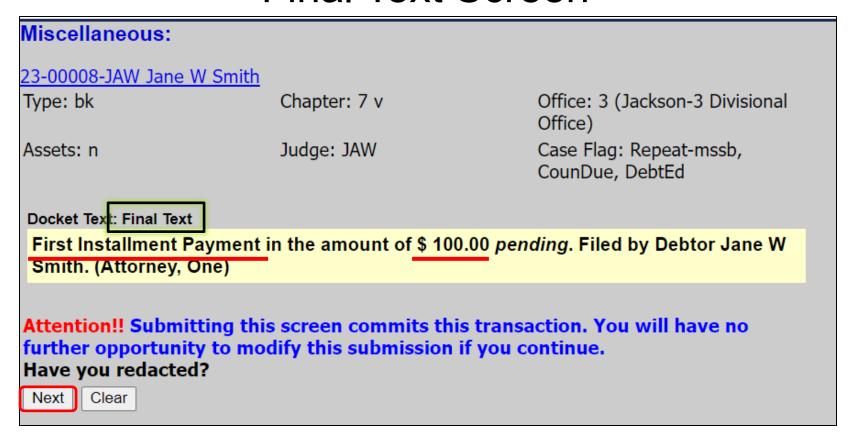




Enter amount and Click Next



#### **Final Text Screen**

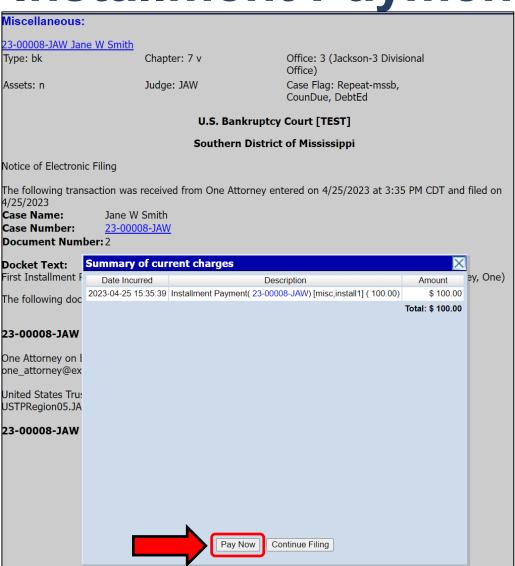


Verify installment type and amount

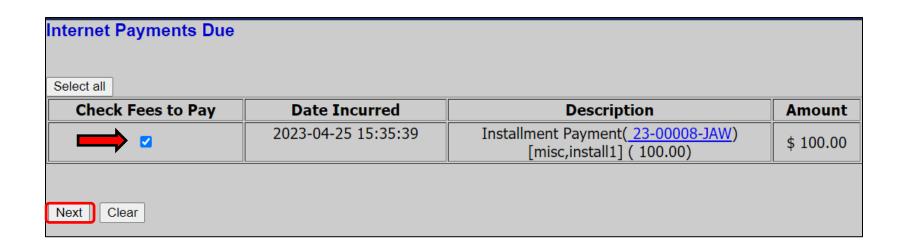


Transaction NEF

Click Pay Now to pay the installment







#### Check box and Click Next





#### Click Pay Now



# **Online Installment Payment**





# **Online Installment Payment**

#### Resource

#### **ECF Attorney Guide**

- Section 3 Bankruptcy Case Opening
- Section 4 Installment Payments

United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Mississippi

Electronic Case Filing Guide for Attorneys

Rev. April 19, 2022



## Questions



## **Chambers - Contacts**

#### **Judge**

#### **Courtroom Deputy**

Judge Wilson

Candice Ramage 601-608-4693

Judge Samson

Christy Cannette 228-563-1841



## Settlements



# **Reporting Settlements**

- Notify the Courtroom Deputy via the settlement line as soon as you reach a settlement.
- Order deadline 14 days from scheduled hearing date.
- Use the settlement line.



#### Never assume:

- You do not need to attend a hearing, if the other side does not file a response.
- Chambers knows a proposed agreed order was submitted.
- The other party reported the settlement.



### Communication

- Notify your client when:
  - They must attend the hearing
  - Matter settles (hearing cancelled)



# **Reporting Settlements**

## Settlement Line Requirements

- 1. Hearing date
- 2. Calendar page number
- 3. Case number and debtor's last name
- 4. Matter settled
- 5. Agreed order or non-agreed order.
- 6. Individual (party) responsible to submit order
- 7. Contact telephone number



### **Settlement Lines**

Judge Wilson

(601) 608-4642

Judge Samson

(228) 563-1797



## Questions



Read hearing notices thoroughly.

 Clerk's staff and Courtroom Deputies are prohibited from giving legal advice.

# Chambers

- Debtor's counsel must attend reaffirmation agreement hearing even if debtor's counsel did not sign the agreement.
- Contact Courtroom Deputy if your pleading requests an emergency hearing.

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# Chambers

- Generally, a corporation must be represented by an attorney of record.
- For example, pleadings filed on behalf of a corporation <u>must</u> be signed by an attorney of record.

See Southwest Express, Co. v. Interstate Commerce Comm'n, 670 F.2d 53 (5th Cir. 1982)



- A representative of a corporation may appear and act without counsel to:
  - File proofs of claim;
  - Attend meeting of creditors;
  - File ballots in a chapter 11 case; or
  - File reaffirmation agreements.

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## Questions



## Attorney/staff training:

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