

# Bankruptcy Law and Procedure Seminar 2023



8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Recent Amendments – Bankruptcy

Rules, Forms, Fees

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Online Legal and Procedural

Resources

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Unclaimed Funds in Bankruptcy

Cases - Laws, Rules, & Procedures

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Electronic Case Filing

Account Management

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Notices, Pleadings, Exhibits,

Schedules, etc. - Laws, Rules, &

**Procedures** 



#### Disclaimer:

The information in this presentation is a summary of relevant facts about laws, rules, and procedures of the bankruptcy court.

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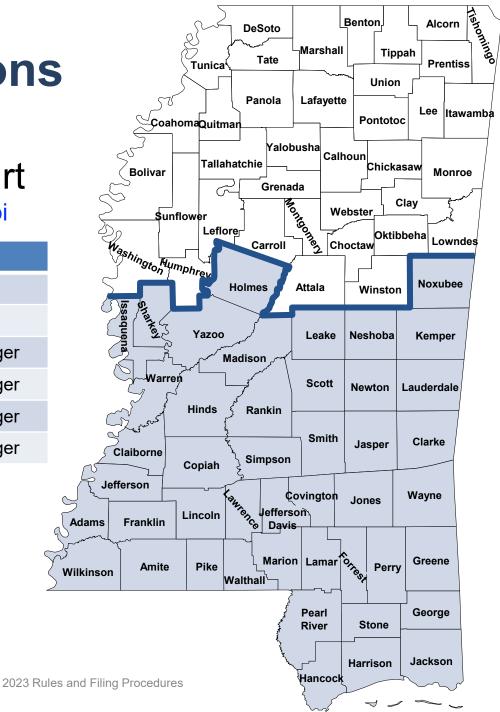
Participants should consult official sources for relevant statutes, federal rules, local rules, and local procedures.



#### U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Southern District of Mississippi

Danny Miller	Clerk of Court
Collette Derouen	Chief Deputy
Cynthia Loftin	Operations Manager
Katie Wise	Operations Manager
Keisha Moore	Operations Manager
Josette Dutil	Operations Manager





## Recent Amendments: Rules, Form, Fees

## Recent Amendments: Federal Bankruptcy Rules



December 1, 2023 – Pending Amendments

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3011

Will require Clerk to provide searchable access for unclaimed funds on the court's website.



December 1, 2023 – Pending Amendments

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8003

Appeal as of Right – How Taken; Docketing the Appeal

Conform to recent amendments to Federal Rule of Appellant Procedures 3.



December 1, 2023 – Pending Amendments

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006

Computing and Extending Time; Time for Motion Papers

Adds Juneteenth National Independence Day to the list of legal holidays.



December 1, 2023 – Pending Amendments

New Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9038

Bankruptcy Rules Emergency

Provides authority to extend or toll time limits during major emergencies affecting bankruptcy courts.

## Miss. Bankruptcy Local Rules

## Pending Amendments: Joint Uniform Local Bankruptcy Rules



## **Local Bankruptcy Rules**

New Local Rule Eff. – December 1, 2023

Local Rule 7007.1 – 1 Corporate Ownership Statement to be Filed by a Partnership or Joint Venture that is a Party to an Adversary Proceeding

The requirements for filing a Corporate Ownership Statement by certain nongovernmental corporate parties to an adversary proceeding, other than the debtor, under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7007.1 shall also apply to any party that is a general partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or limited liability company.



## **Local Bankruptcy Rules**

#### Local Rule Amendment Eff. – December 1, 2023

#### **Local Rule 9014-1**

- (c) Application of Part VII Rules.
  - (1) The court may order Miss. Bankr. L.R. 7016-1 to apply to contested matters. Unless ordered otherwise, to the extent that Part VII of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure are applicable to contested matters pursuant to the Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014(c), the corresponding Mississippi Bankruptcy Local Rules for Part VII shall apply to contested matters.
  - (2) The requirements for filing a Corporate Ownership Statement under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7007.1 and Miss. Bankr. L.R. 7007.1-1 shall also apply to contested matters.

## **Standing Orders – S.D. Miss.**

# New/Amended Standing Orders



## **Amended Standing Order Adopting Procedures for Obtaining Discharge in Chapter 13**

Eff. 12-1-2022

Requires debtor to include a certification in support any motion for a hardship discharge, and the certification must substantially conform to the court's new local form (See court website).



## Amended Standing Order Re: No Look Fee Chapter 13 Cases

Eff. 1-1-2023

Increased maximum fee for debtor's counsel to \$4,000 (previous fee limit was \$3,600).



## **Bankruptcy Filing Fees**



## **Bankruptcy Filing Fees**

December 1, 2023 – Pending Increase

Judicial Conference has approved inflationary adjustments to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule effective December 1, 2023.

28 U.S.C. § 1930



## **Bankruptcy Fee Increases**

Changes to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule (28 U.S.C § 1930)

Effective December 1, 2023

Item No.	<u>Description</u>	<b>Current Fee</b>	New Fee
1b.	Record reproduction of an electronic record stored outside the court's CM/ECF system	\$ 31.00	\$ 33.00
<mark>2-A.</mark>	Certification of any document	<b>\$ 11.00</b>	\$ 12.00
2-B.	Exemplification of any document	\$ 23.00	\$ 24.00
3.	Audio recording of a court proceeding	\$ 32.00	\$ 34.00
<mark>4.</mark>	Amendment to schedules of creditors, list of creditors, or mailing list	\$ 32.00	\$ 34.00
5.	Record search of bankruptcy court records	\$ 32.00	\$ 34.00
7.	Filing document unrelated to pending case	\$ 49.00	\$ 52.00
12-A.	Retrieval of one records box from Federal Records Center	\$ 64.00	\$ 70.00
12-B.	Retrieval of multiple records box (each additional box)	\$ 39.00	\$ 43.00
12-C.	Electronic retrieval of record from Federal Records Center	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00
14.	Direct Appeal or Direct Cross-Appeal	\$ 207.00	\$307.00
<mark>19.</mark>	Filing motion to:	\$ 188.00	\$ 199.00
	<ul> <li>terminate, annul, modify, or condition the automatic stay;</li> <li>compel abandonment of estate property;</li> <li>withdraw the reference of a case or proceeding; or</li> <li>sell estate property free and clear of liens</li> </ul>		
<mark>20.</mark>	Transfer of claim	\$ 26.00	\$ 28.00
<mark>21.</mark>	Motion to redact	\$ 26.00	\$ 28.00

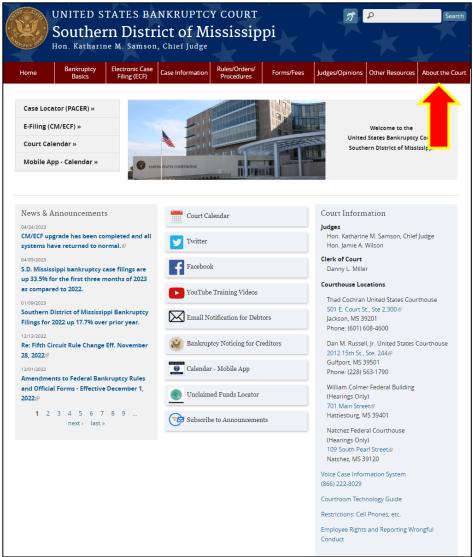


# Online Legal and Procedural Resources

www.mssb.uscourts.gov



## **About the Court**







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Case Administrators - Chapter 11
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Clerk's Office Locations

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

Case Digits	Name	Email	Phone No.
00-11	Deb Santos	Deborah_Santos@mssb.uscourts.gov	601-608-4633
12-26	Sommer Wuest	Sommer_Wuest@mssb.uscourts.gov	228-563-1816
27-38	Beth Harkins	Beth_Harkins@mssb.uscourts.gov	601-608-4621
39-43	Josette Dutil	Josette_Dutil@mssb.uscourts.gov	228-563-1813
44-58	Jennifer Holly	Jennifer_Holly@mssb.uscourts.gov	601-608-4625
59-63	Keisha Moore	Keisha_Moore@mssb.uscourts.gov	601-608-4639
64-68	Katie Wise	Katie_Wise@mssb.uscourts.gov	228-563-1796
69-80	Alexis Bradley	Alexis_Bradley@mssb.uscourts.gov	228-563-1809
81-95	Faith Crawford	Faith_Crawford@mssb.uscourts.gov	228-563-1814
96-99	Cynthia Loftin	Cynthia_loftin@mssb.uscourts.gov	601-608-4640
	Chasity Lucas	Chasity_Lucas@mssb.uscourts.gov	601-608-4636



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Street Address	Mailing Address
Thad Cochran U.S. Courthouse	Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
501 E. Court St., Suite 2.300	Southern District of Mississippi
Jackson, MS 39201	501 E. Court St., Suite 2.300 Jackson, MS 39201
	Jackson, WS 33201
	Thad Cochran U.S. Courthouse 501 E. Court St., Suite 2.300

Office	Street Address	Mailing Address
Gulfport	Dan M. Russell Jr. U.S. Courthouse	Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Business Hours:	2012 15th St., Suite 244	Southern District of Mississippi
(228) 563-1790	Gulfport, MS 39501	2012 15th St., Suite 244
Emergency Filing: (601) 608-4603		Gulfport, MS 39501



## **Contact Information**

#### New mailing address for Jackson Office

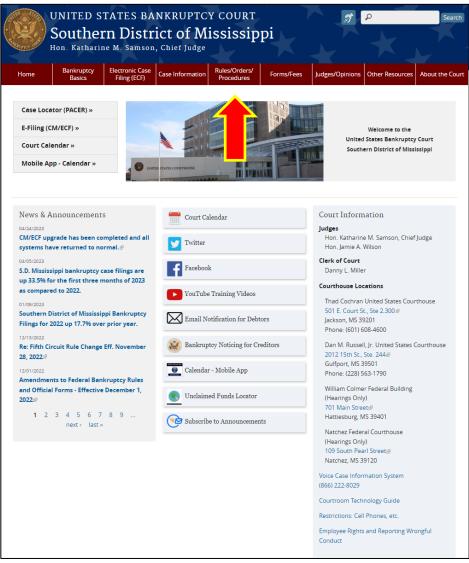
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Effective October 1, 2023, the court will no longer receive mail at a post office box.



## Rules/Orders/Procedures







## **Procedural Resources**

## Emergency Filing Procedures

www.mssb.uscourts.gov/emergency-filingprocedures

#### Rules/Orders/ Procedures

Local Rules

Standing Orders

Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing

ECF Docketing Guide

E-Orders Attorney Guide



Emergency Filing Procedures

Procedural Videos



## **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**



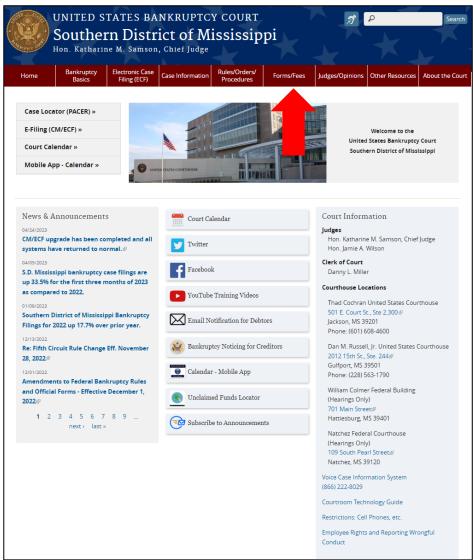
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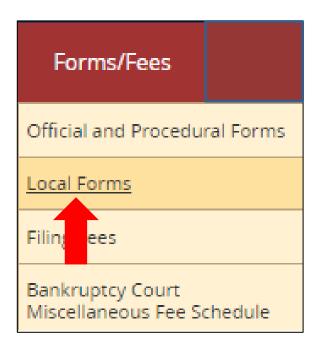






### **Local Forms**







## **Local Forms Page**

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#### **Local Forms**

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Form Name	Description	Revision Date	Link(s)
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



#### Certification in Support of Motion for Hardship Discharge

Form Name	Description	Revision Date	Link(s)
MSSB-1328(b)- Cert	Certification in Support of Motion for Hardship Discharge Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1328(b)	02/22/2023	Form

## **Amended Standing Order Adopting Procedures For Obtaining Discharge in Chapter 13 Cases**

(Effective 2/22/2023)



## Questions



## ECF Docketing Guide

### Interactive, on-line tool

Provides filing guidelines

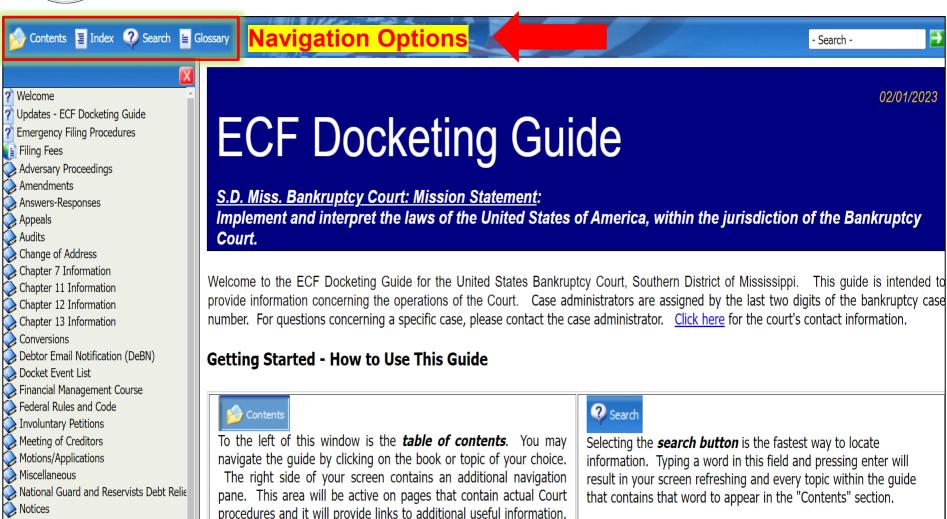






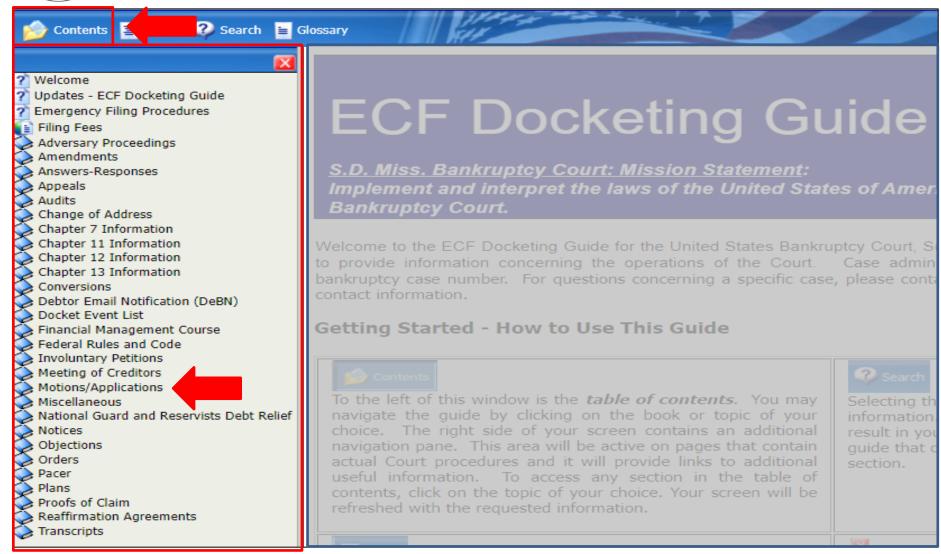






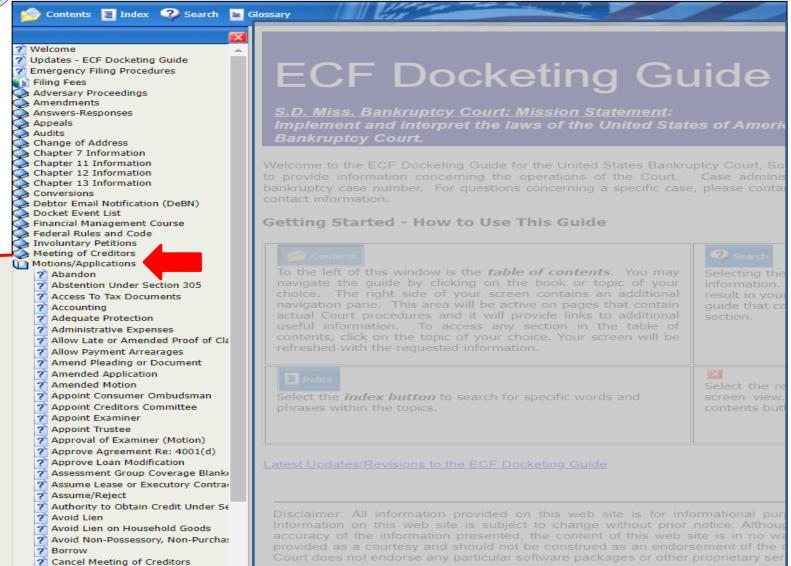


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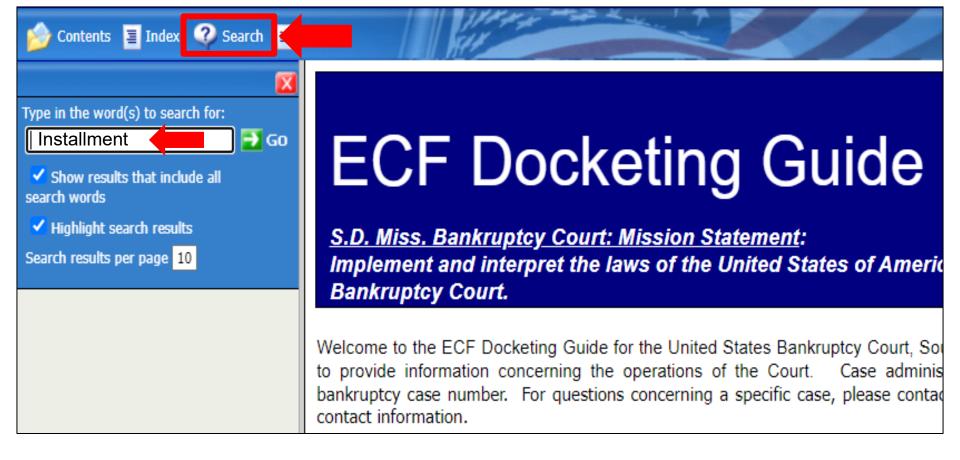
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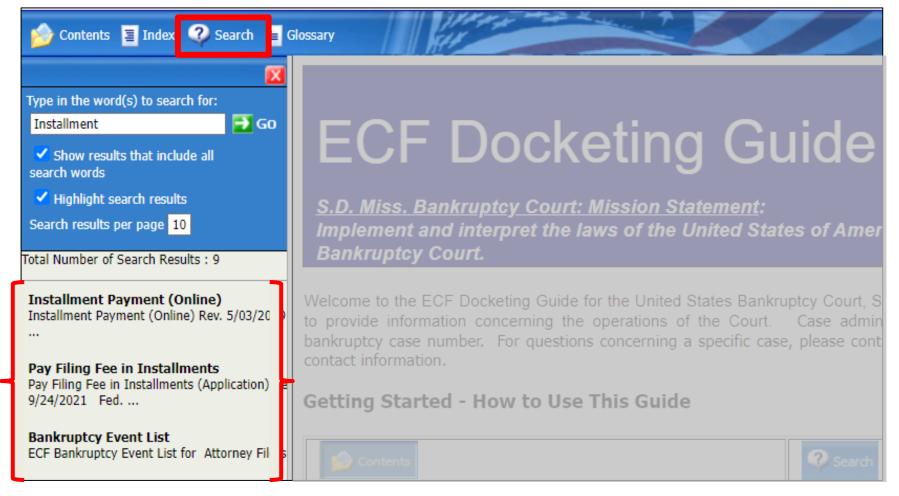


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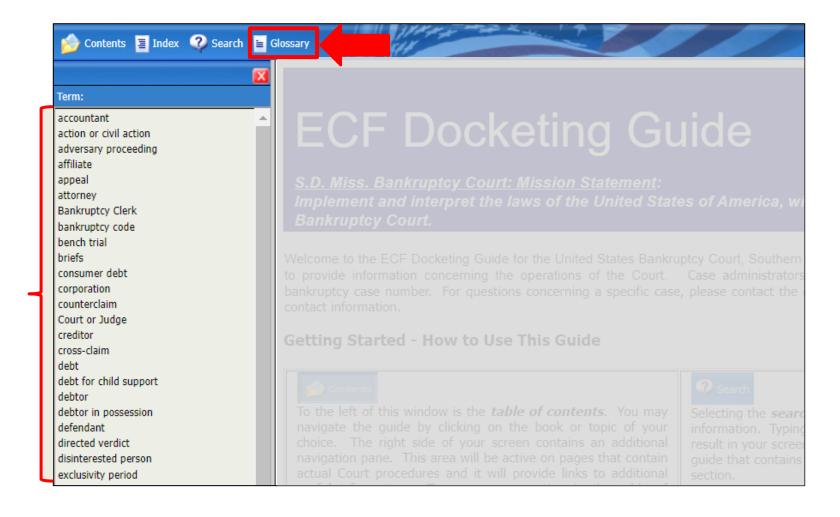


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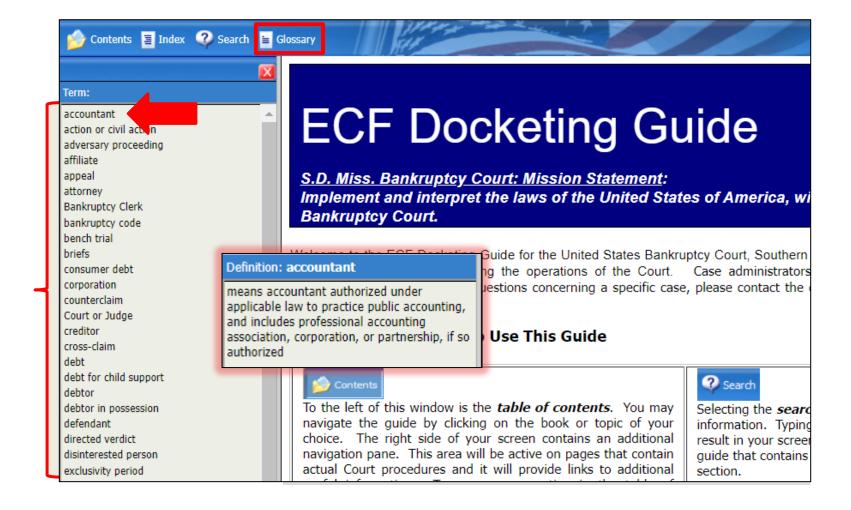


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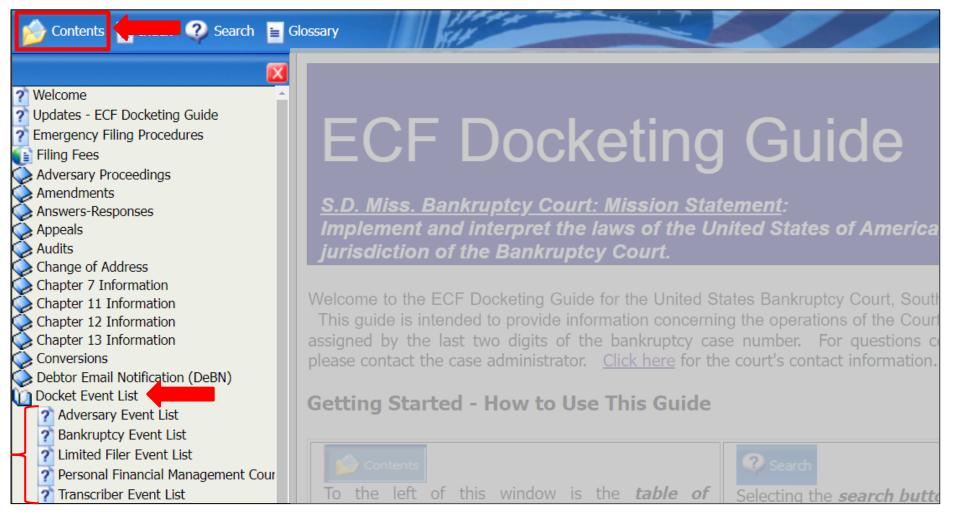


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#### **Docket Event List**



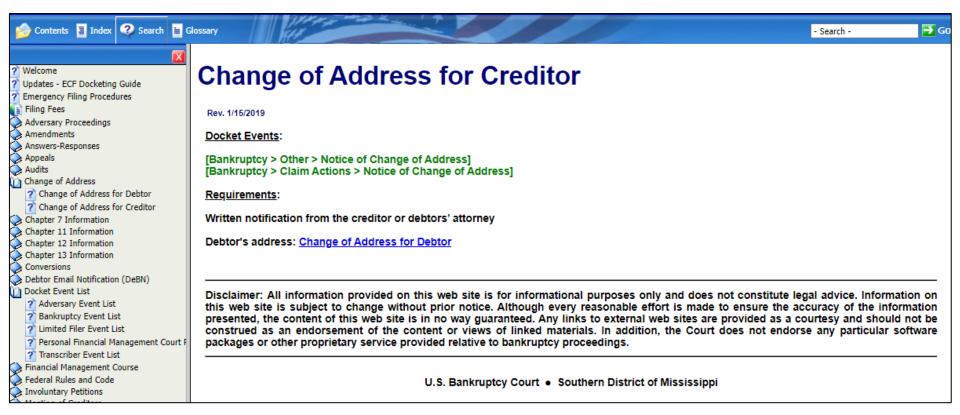


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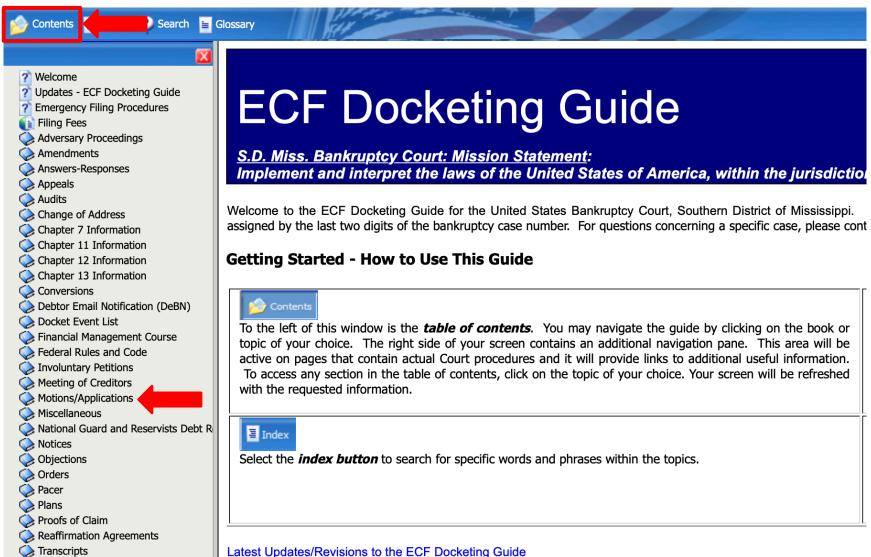


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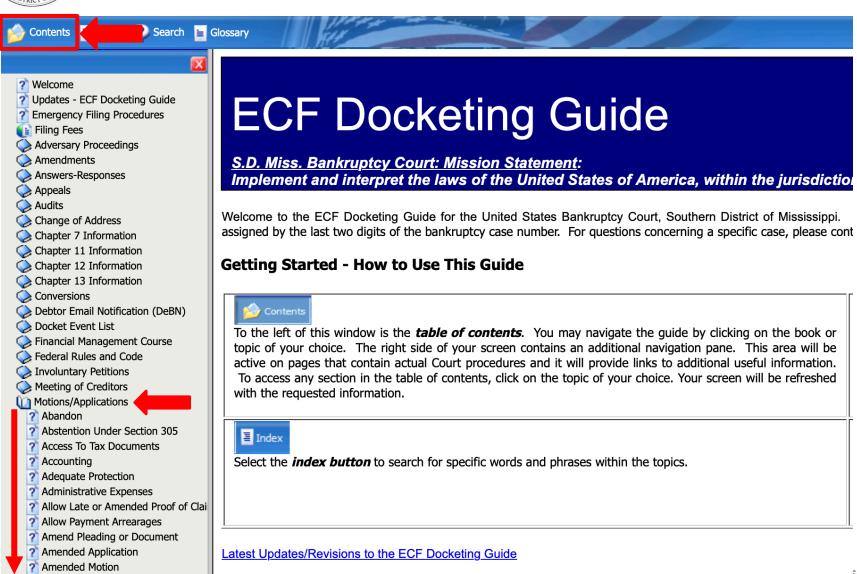
#### **Motions and Applications**





Appoint Consumer Ombudsman

#### **Motions and Applications**



#### Relief from Automatic Stay (Motion)

Rev. 01/25/2022 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.

Local Rule 5005-1(a)(2)(D) requires every motion have as an attachment a proposed order granting the motion.

Local default form 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 <u>§ 362</u> 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: Relief from Stay with Agreed Order.

See Chapter 11 Motions to Lift Stay regarding motions to lift the stay 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**
Set for Hearing	Set for Hearing

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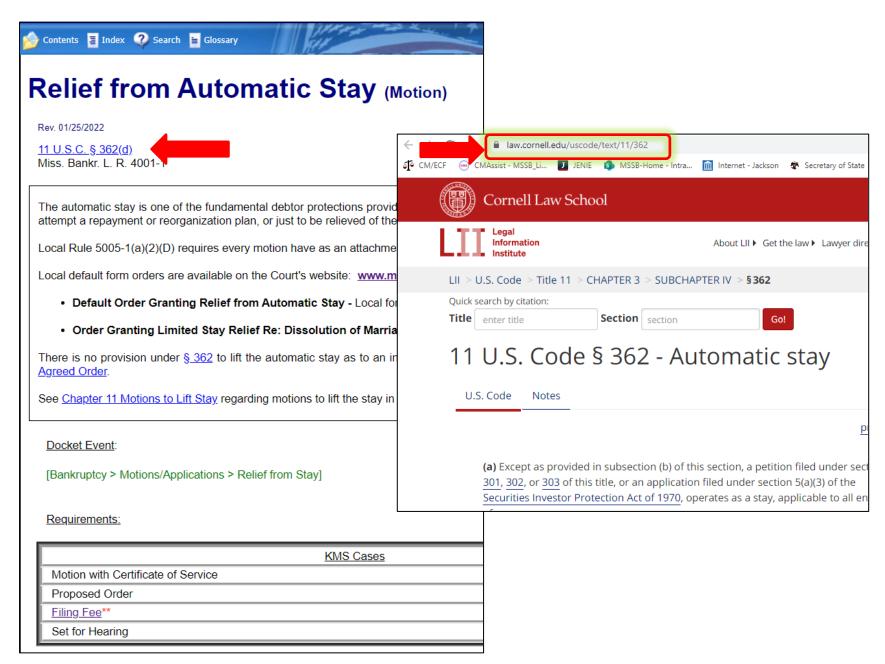
No fee is due when a <u>child support creditor</u> files Official Form B2810 Appearance of Child Support Creditor or Representative. For more information see Appearance of Child Support Creditor.

No fee is due when an agreed order (signed by all parties) accompanies the motion (filed as an attachment). See: Relief from Stay with Agreed Order.

#### File Amended Motion

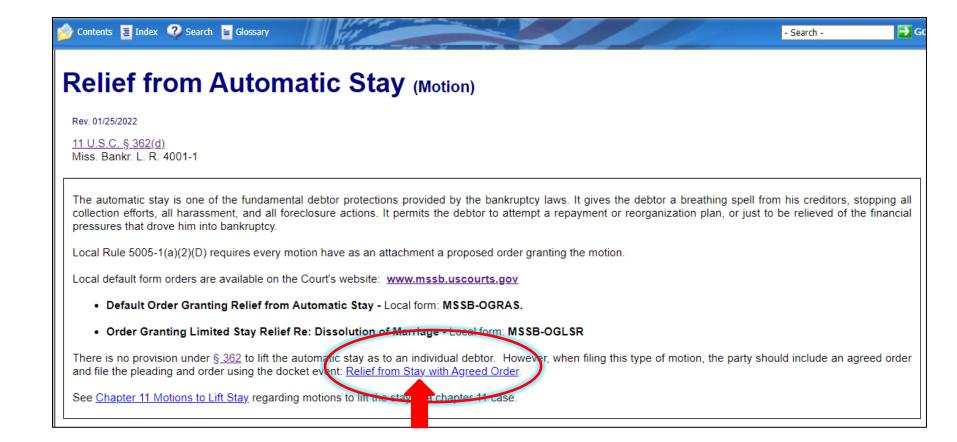
- 1. File the amended motion using the above docket event;
- 2. Input the receipt number for the fee payment made for the original motion; and
- 3. Select "Amended" from the prefix drop-down list.

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#### **Motions and Applications**





#### **Motions and Applications**

#### Relief From Stay with Agreed Order (No Fee) (Motion)

Rev. 7/19/2021

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.

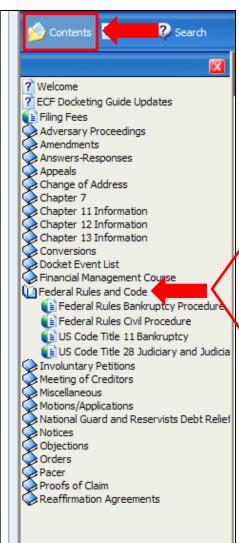
If the movant fails to attach a proposed Agreed Order or if the proposed Agreed Order does not contain all required signatures, the Clerk must collect a filing fee.

#### Motion Docket Event:

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



#### Federal Rules and US Codes

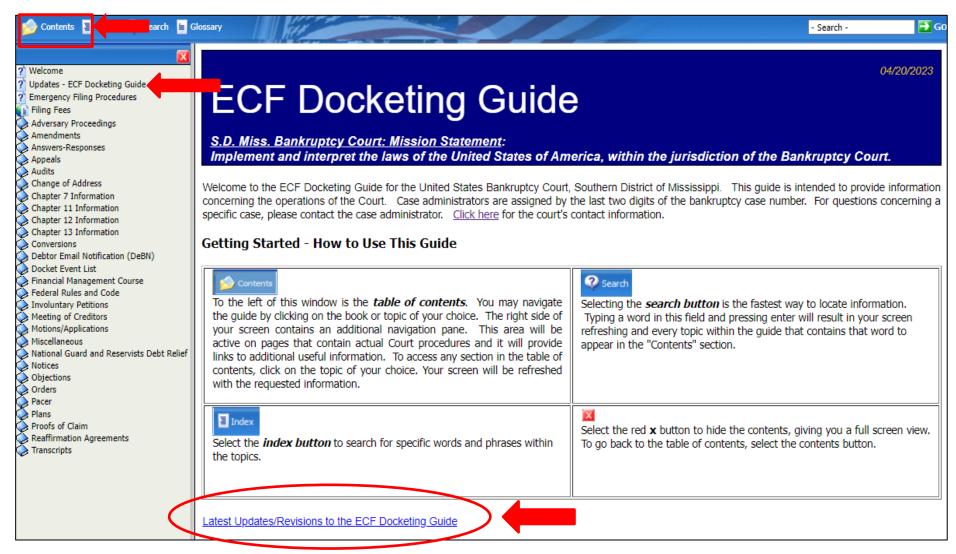


- Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
- Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
- U.S. Code Title 11 Bankruptcy
- U.S. Code Title 28 Judiciary & Judicial Procedure



# Updates to ECF Docketing Guide







S.D. Miss. Bankruptcy

#### ECF Docketing Guide Updates/Revisions

Date	Topic
07/13/2023	Request Writ of Execution "New"
07/13/2023	Issue Writ of Execution "New"
06/22/2023	Chapter 11 Meeting of Creditors  Revised to update Gulfport location for in person 341 meetings. Moved from Hancock Bank to the Gulfport Federal Courthouse.
02/22/2022	Motion for Chapter 13 Hardship Discharge 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.



## Questions



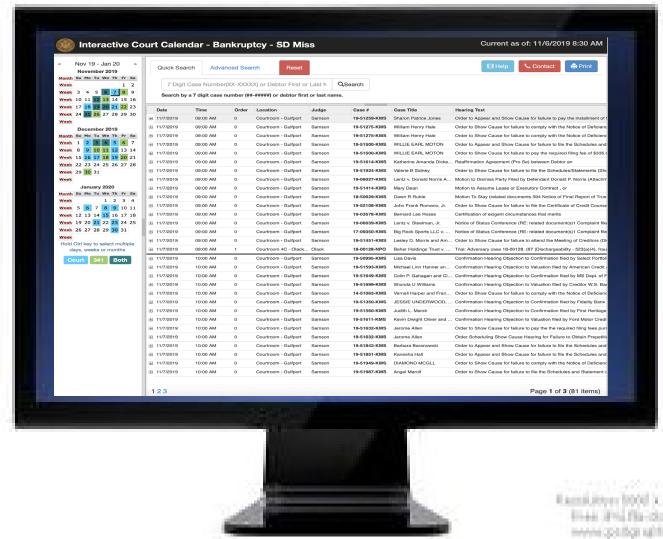
# U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Mississippi





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**Interactive Court Calendar** 





#### **ChapMobile**



#### **Mobile Court Calendar**

- Free.
- 30 Days of Calendar Info.





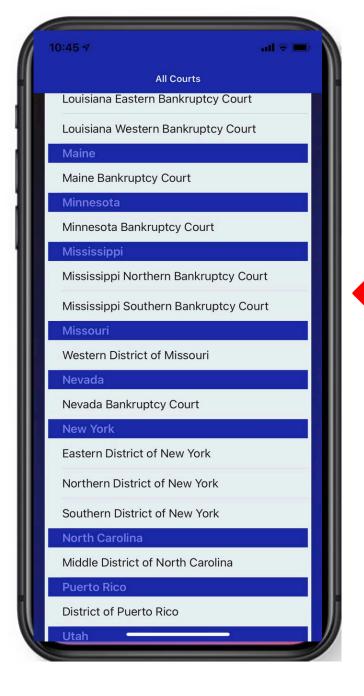




#### **ChapMobile**

When app is opened for the first time, it offers a list of participating bankruptcy courts. You can scroll down the list of courts.

Select a "default" court by tapping the name of the court.





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**Home Page** 

All court hearings for next 30 days displayed by date and by judge.

Personalize calendars by attorney.

Court locations and contact information.



All 341 Meetings displayed by date and by trustee.

Search for registered atty. View hearings for that attorney.



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

#### **Follow the Court**









#### Official Court Announcements:

- New Rules and/or Forms
- Court closure due to weather, etc.
- Job announcements

Training Videos

## 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.



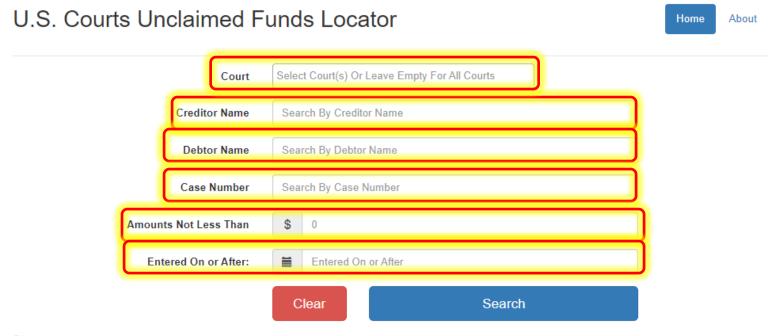












#### Disclaimer

The court unit links accessible through the U. S. Bankruptcy Unclaimed Funds Locator are provided for the user's convenience. Each court unit is solely responsible for maintaining that unit's applicable unclaimed funds search criteria information. A user is invited to contact a linked court unit regarding that unit's specific unclaimed funds deposit and disposition procedures. Questions should be directed to the linked court unit. NOTICE TO USERS: This is a restricted government system for official judiciary business only. All activities on this system for any purpose, and all access attempts, may be recorded and monitored or reviewed by persons authorized by the federal judiciary for improper use, protection of system security, performance of maintenance, and appropriate management by the judiciary of its systems. By using this system or any connected system, users expressly consent to system monitoring and to official access to data reviewed and created by them on the system. Any evidence of unlawful activity, including unauthorized access attempts, may be reported to law enforcement officials.



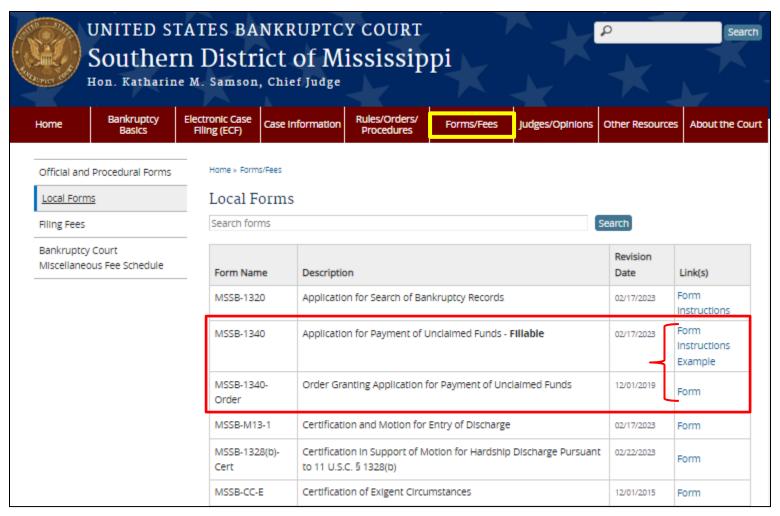
### **Requesting Payment:**

- 1) File an Application (Local Form MSSB-1340)
  - Notarized
  - Copy to US Attorney
- 2) File a Proposed Order (MSSB-1340-Order)
- 3) File Required Supporting Documents



#### **Local Forms and Instructions**

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



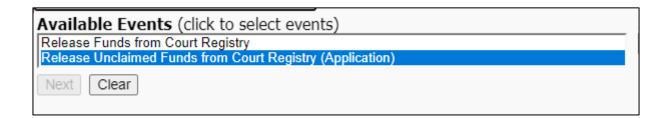


#### Filing Application & Proposed Order

Upload Proposed Order as an attachment

#### **Docket Event**

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





### Required Supporting Documents

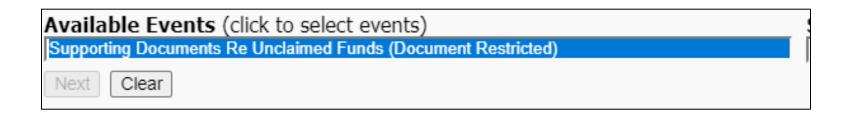
- Proof of identity
- Evidence of ownership
- Tax ID information



### **File Supporting Documents**

#### **Docket Event**

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 14 days after court enters the order (if no objections filed).



## Questions



# ECF Accounts: Filing Agents



## Filing Agent

Individual designated to e-file on behalf of an ECF filer (other than a limited filer).



## Who can have filing agents?

**Attorneys** 

**Trustees** 

U.S. Trustee



To Qualify as a Filing Agent:

- 1) Register for individual PACER account.
- 2) Register for a Filing Agent user account (through PACER).

## Filing Agents - Benefits

- Filing Agent has own ECF user account.
  - No need for an ECF user to share filing credentials (passwords) with others.
- ECF User can monitor filings made by filing agent.
  - An ECF system report can identify the agent that docketed a filing.
- A filing agent can be authorized to e-file for multiple ECF users.



#### Register ECF User authority:

- Add filing agents
- Remove filing agents
- Monitor filings made by filing agents



#### **Add Filing Agent**

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



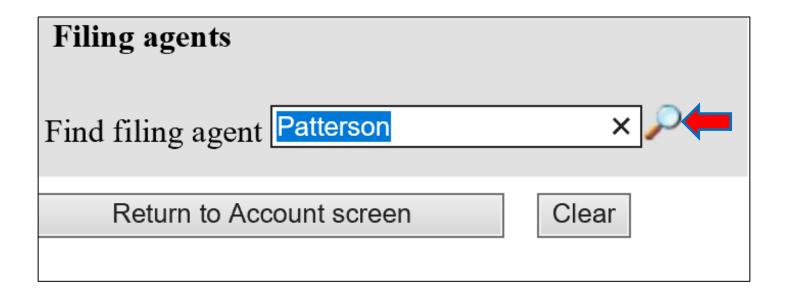


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#### Enter agent's last name > Click Search icon





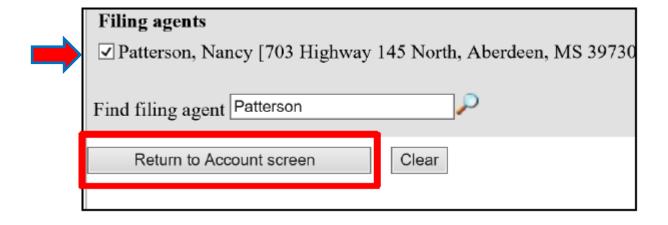
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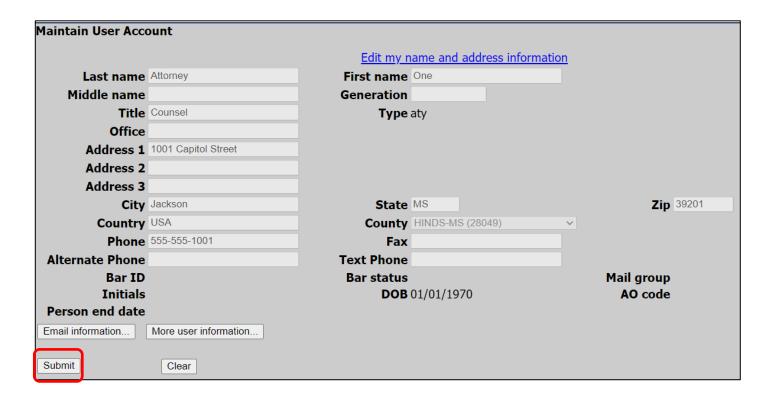
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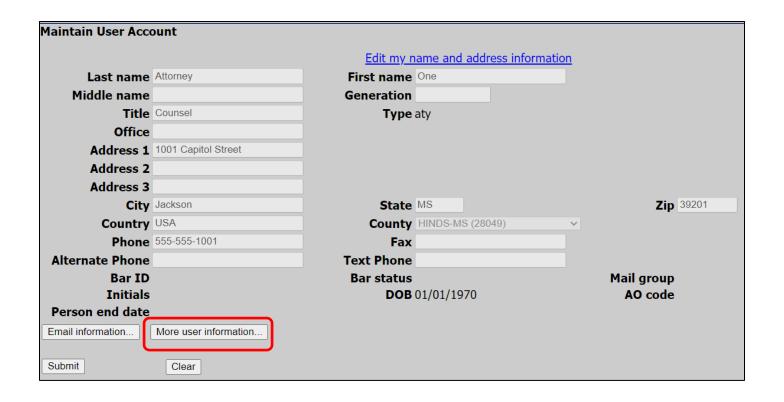


- Log in ECF Account
- Click Utilities > Your Account > Maintain Your ECF Account





#### Click More user information





#### Uncheck box to remove agent

More User Information for One Attorney		
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#### Click Return to Account screen

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-Orders	Attorney
Filing agents	
Uncheck the box to remove a filing agent.	
☐ Agent, Five [3005 Capitol Street, Jacson, MS 39201, 555-555-3005, Account ID: 7003989]  ✓ Agent, Four [3004 Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39201, 555-555-3004, Account ID: 7003987]	
Find filing agent	
Agents previously removed from this account	
Return to Account screen Clear	



#### Click Submit to remove the Filing Agent





Agent logs in CM/ECF and selects from a list of filers that have authorized the agent.

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

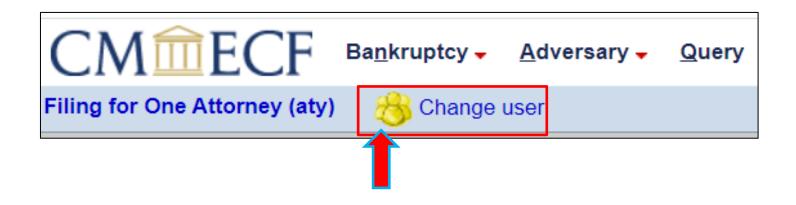


#### Screen displays the filer





#### 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



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

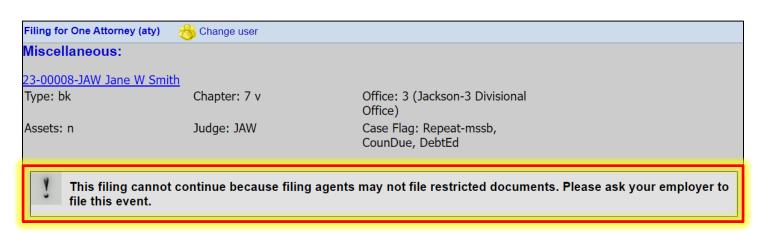
#### **Restricted Documents:**

Social Security Number (Form 121)

Tax Documents

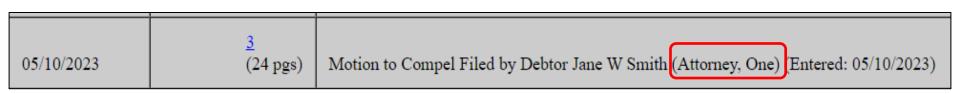
Supporting Documents Re Unclaimed Funds

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.

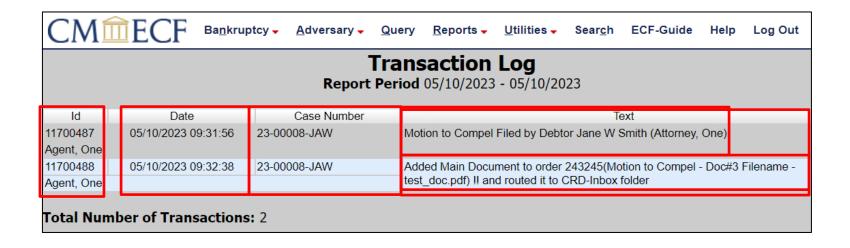
#### **Utilities > View Your Transaction Log**





### Filing Agent Transactions

#### **Transaction Log**





### Filing Agent Information

# www.mssb.uscourts.gov 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.



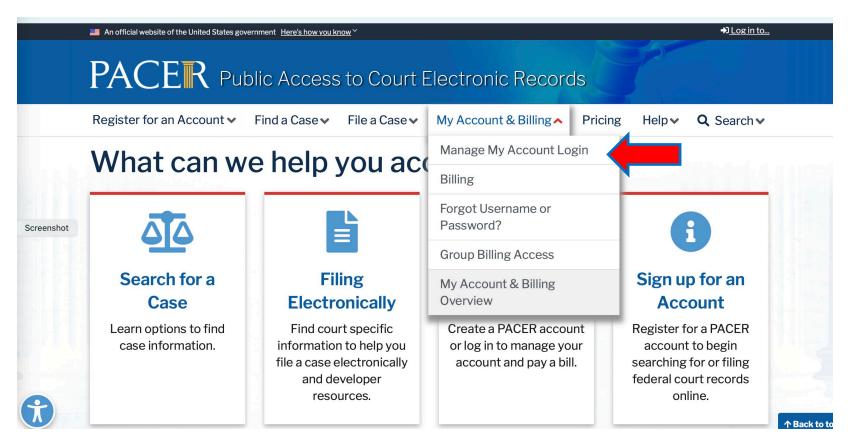
### **ECF Account Management**

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Primary Email Address

Update through your PACER account



### **Update Contact Information**



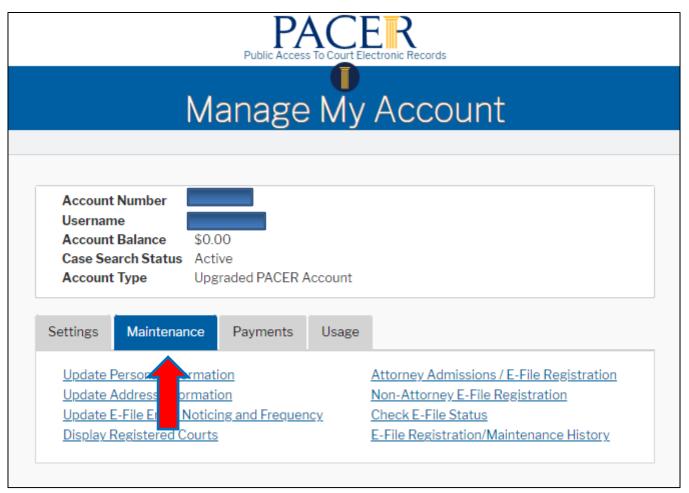
Login to your PACER Account.

Select My Account/Manage My Account



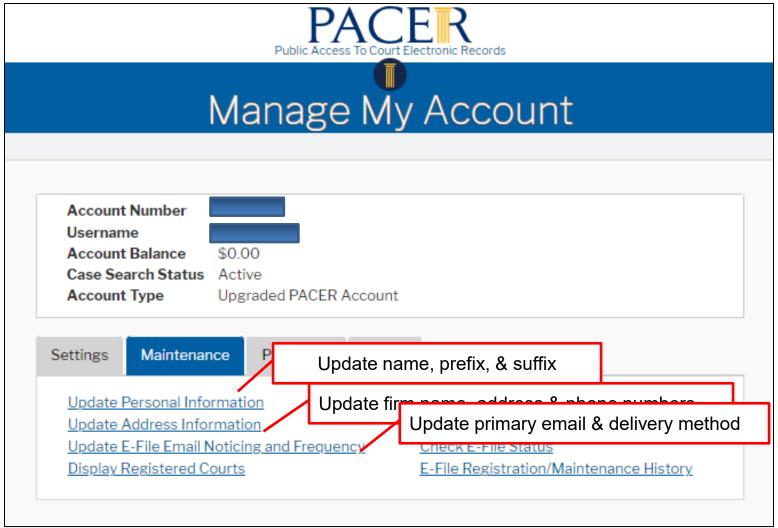
#### **Update Contact Information**

#### Click **Maintenance** Tab



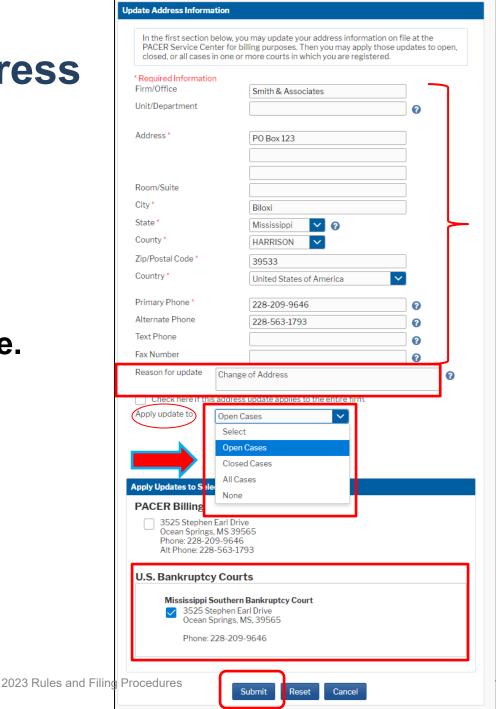


### **Update Contact Information**





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





### **ECF Account Management**



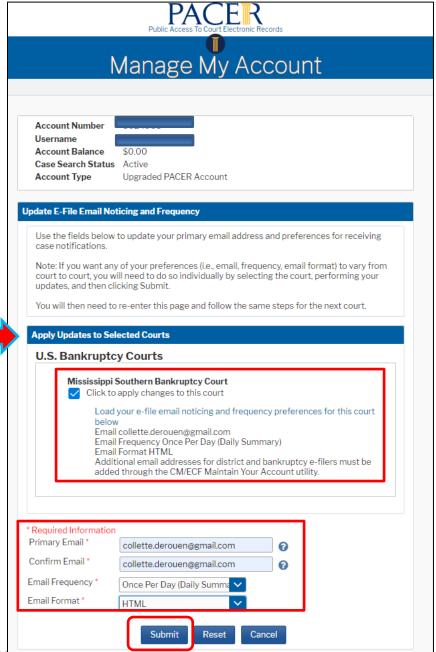
#### **Update Email Address**



## Update Email Address

 Select the court you want to send email update.

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





#### Benefits:

 Your staff also 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

Reenter
secondary
email one_attorney@gmail.com
one_attorney@gmail.com
one_attorney@yahoo.com
address
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#### Add or Update Secondary Email:

- Log in your CM/ECF user account.
- Click Utilities > Your Account > Maintain Your ECF Account

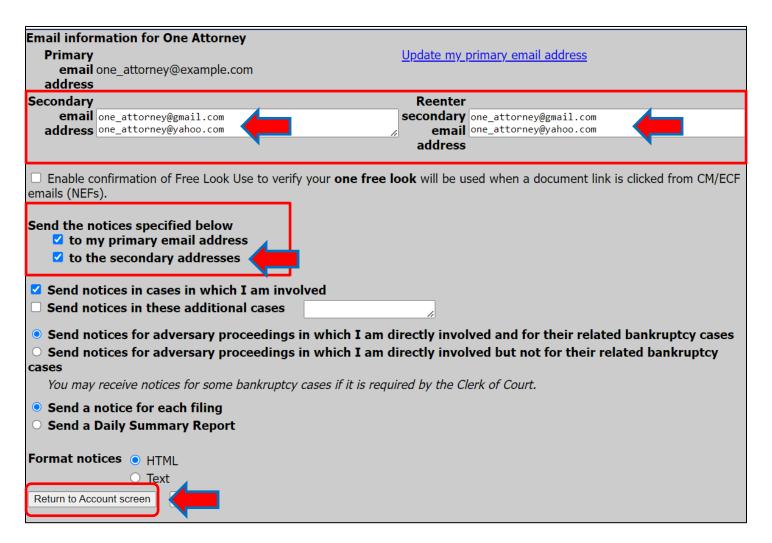




## Maintain User Account screen Click **Email information**

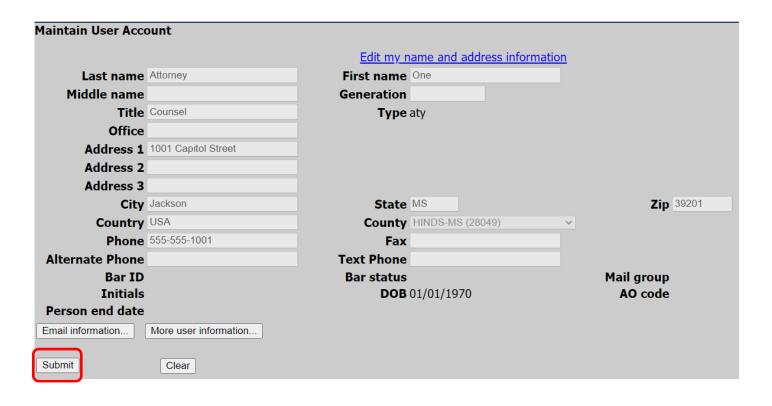








#### Click Submit





#### 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 Bankruptcy Court



#### **Bankruptcy Notices for Creditors**

The Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) mails notices and documents to Creditors ("Parties") on behalf of the bankruptcy courts.

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

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

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



MENU

#### Welcome to the Bankruptcy Noticing Center

This website allows you to sign up to receive all of your bankruptcy notices electronically through the National Creditor Registration Service (NCRS) or consolidate all U.S. Postal Service notices at one address. This is a free service provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts to give recipients more convenient delivery options for their bankruptcy notices. You can have notices delivered either:

- 1. Electronically Faster, more reliable and convenient
- 2. To a designated mail address Redirects U.S. Mail delivery to a preferred address

Sign up for service today

Modify existing services or update account



#### **Mandatory EBN**

Parties that receive 50 + 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



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

### Pleadings and Exhibits



# Pleadings & Proposed Orders

#### Titles on Pleadings & Proposed Orders

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

The short caption includes:

- Debtor and Joint Debtor's Name
- Case Number
- > Chapter
- Title of Pleading



# **Pleadings & Proposed Orders**

## **Titles on Pleadings & Proposed Orders**

- Debtors' name must match court's docket.
- Case caption must include both debtors when one debtor is dismissed.



# **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 Pay Filing Fee in Installments
- Application to Waive Filing Fee
- Application for Compensation and Expenses



# **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

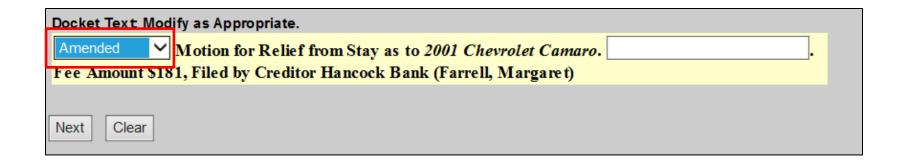
DEBTORS.

CHAPTER 13

Amended Motion to Convert Case



## Select "Amended" from drop-down list





## 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**

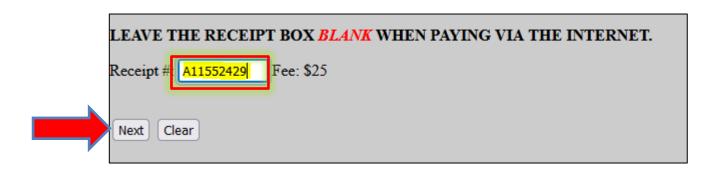
Receipt number is found on case docket

#### **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)

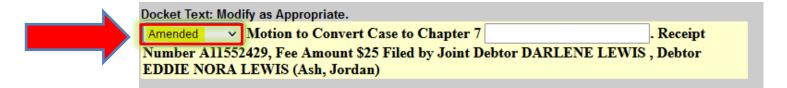
## **Docketing Process**

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

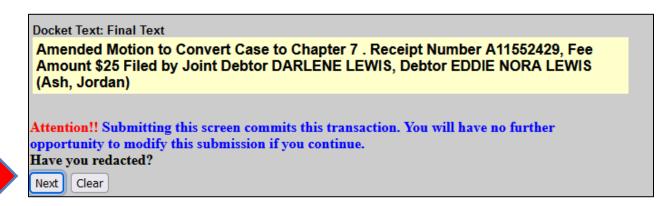


## **Docketing Process**

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

# Pleadings and Exhibits

## **Exhibits**



#### File Exhibits:

as an attachment to the pleading; or

incorporate with the pleading and save as one PDF document.

# Missing Exhibit

#### Judge Samson Case:

 file amended pleading to include exhibit and relate to original filing; or

file exhibit and relate to the pleading.

Bankruptcy > Other > Exhibit

Adversary > Other > Exhibit



#### **Judge Wilson Case:**

 Must file an amended pleading to include exhibit and relate to original filing

# Pleadings and Exhibits

## Questions

# Pleadings and Exhibits

# Application to Employ Professional



## Requirements:

- 1) Application
- 2) Proposed Order
- 3) Notice (if applicable)



#### **Application must include:**

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

## Application must <u>also</u> include:

- Proposed arrangement for compensation
- If a 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 professional's 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.
- Applicant must 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

# Pleadings and Exhibits

## 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:**

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.
- Applicant must 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

# Pleadings and Exhibits

## 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
- birth date
- the name of a minor
- a financial-account number



## Requirements:

- Motion
- Proposed Redacted Document
- Proposed Order
- Filing Fee \$26



#### **Motion must:**

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

#### Attachment:

- Proposed redacted document
- Proposed Order



#### Service:

 Motion <u>and</u> attachments on debtor, debtor's attorney, trustee, U.S. Trustee, and affected individual.

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

Motion and attachment(s) are restricted from public access.



**Local Forms** 

Motion – Form MSSB-MRD-1

Proposed Order - Form MSSB-ORD-1

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

### **Docket Events**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Redact Document (Motion)

Adversary > Motions > Redact Document (Motion)

## **Motion to Redact Document**

If Another Party Filed the Unredacted Document



#### **Other Party Filed Unredacted Document**

## Requirements:

- Motion
- Proposed Order
- Filing Fee \$26



#### **Other Party Filed Unredacted Document**

#### **Motion must:**

- include docket or proof-of-claim number of unredacted document
- identify proposed redactions
- include Certificate of Service

#### Attachment:

Proposed Order



#### **Other Party Filed Unredacted Document**

#### Service

- Serve motion on debtor, debtor's attorney, trustee, U.S. Trustee, original filer, and any affected individual.
- Service must be made by <u>mail</u>.
  - May not serve motion electronically through the CM/ECF system.

Motion restricted from public access.



#### Other Party filed Unredacted Document

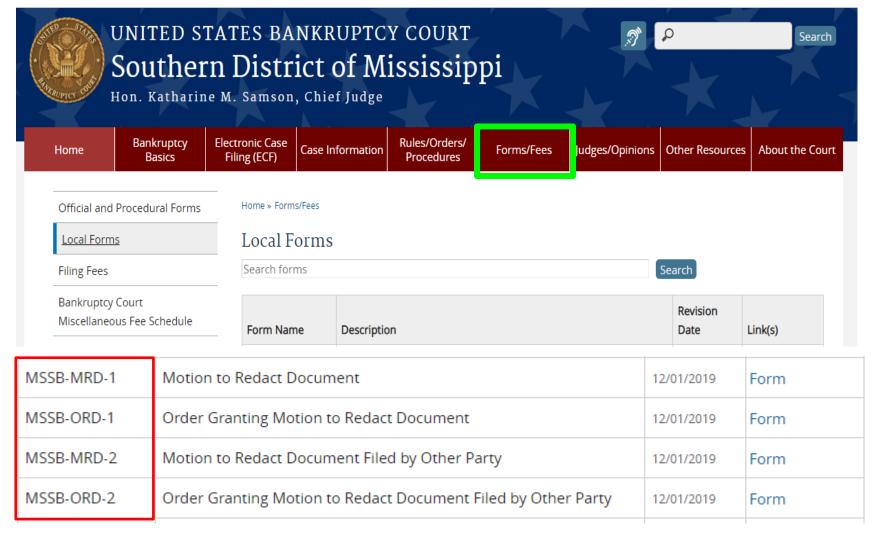
#### **Local Forms**

Motion – Form MSSB-MRD-2

Proposed Order - Form MSSB-ORD-2



## **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



Only available if redaction is not an option.



### **Examples:**

- Filer selected the wrong event, or
- Filer uploaded the wrong PDF document.



### Requirements:

- Motion
- Proposed Order



#### Service:

Movant must serve motion upon the debtor, debtor's attorney, trustee, U.S. Trustee, and affected individual.



#### Motion must include:

- Certificate of Service
- Proposed Order (attachment)

## **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. Including the proposed order as <u>an</u> <u>exhibit</u> is insufficient.



#### Any order affecting real property must:

- incorporate legal description in the body of the proposed order; or
- include legal description as an exhibit to the proposed order.

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



## **Technical Requirements:**

- Prepare proposed order using word processing software and save as a PDF document.
- Make sure PDF is not password protected



## **Technical Requirements:**

- Avoid uploading a scanned copy of proposed order.
- Do not 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

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## Formatting Requirements - continued

- 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)
- Last paragraph must be on the signature page.
   (No stand-alone signature page.)
- 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)



## Why you Should Attach Proposed Orders to Pleadings

- Efficiency: If no response/objection, you do not have to submit a duplicate proposed order.
  - Clerk's office uses the original proposed order.
- 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 16.
- > Settlement reported October 6.
- Order due October 30 (14 days from Oct. 16)

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



## Requesting Extension of Time to Submit Proposed Order

- Request extension before initial 14-day deadline expires.
- Request via phone or email.
- Generally, two extensions allowed. After second extension the court reschedules the hearing.

## Questions



## CM/ECF e-Orders Program



Component of Electronic Case Filing system.

Attorney and trustees can upload proposed orders (not filed with a pleading) for court staff and judges to review, sign, and docket.

The filer can monitor the status of a specific proposed order that they previously uploaded to the CM/ECF system through the e-Orders program.



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

- All required signatures are on the proposed order.
- Any changes are initialed by all parties.
- Order and Exhibits uploaded as a single PDF.
- Orders affecting real property contain legal descriptions within the body of the order or attached as an exhibit.



#### **Order Query Report:**

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

The report displays proposed orders uploaded by the registered filer that is creating the report in the ECF system.



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#### Judges

Hon. Katharine M. Samson, Chief Judge Hon. Jamie A. Wilson

#### Clerk of Court

Danny L. Miller

#### Courthouse Locations

Thad Cochran United States Courthouse 501 E. Court St., Ste 2.300 ₽

Jackson, MS 39201

Phone (601) 609 4600

https://www.mssb.uscourts.gov/ecf-e-orders-material



#### **Resubmission Notification**

When a new or revised order is required, the ECF system sends an email to the ECF user's **primary** email address.

Secondary email addresses do not receive resubmission emails.

ECF users must take <u>timely</u> action to satisfy resubmission notification requests within deadlines to submit proposed orders

# Questions



## **Amendments**

# U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Mississippi

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

Must give notice to case trustee, U.S. 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



# Correcting Name or Alias: Requirements:

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



### **Correcting Name or Alias – Filing Events:**

**Motion** 

Bankruptcy > Motion/Applications > Amend

**Amended Voluntary Petition** 

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended Voluntary Petition



#### Correcting SSN (last 4 digits):

#### **Requirements**:

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



Correcting SSN (last 4 digits) – 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



**Correcting County of Residence – Filing Event:** 

#### 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:

- File Amended List of Creditors/Matrix (when adding or removing a creditor)
- File Notice of Amendment
  - (Choose appropriate Local Form)
- Amendment Fee
  - **-\$32**



### **Amendment 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.)



#### **Notice of Amendment:**

Debtor must give notice to an affected entity/individual, the case trustee, and U.S. Trustee.

The chapter of the case will determine the which local form notice is used.

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MSSB-A7-2 Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 7 – Assets)
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MSSB-A7-1 Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 7 – No Asset)

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



#### **Docket Events**

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

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

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notices > 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)



# **Amend Matrix (Only)**

### Requirements:

File an Amended Matrix

- File a Notice of Amendment
  - Local Form

- Pay Amendment Fee
  - -\$32



#### 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)



#### **Docket Events**

#### **Amended Matrix**

Bankruptcy > Other > Amended List of Creditors (Fee)

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notices > Notice to Creditors Added by Amendment



# Amend Schedules C, G, H

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

Schedule C – Exemptions

Schedule G – Contracts

Schedule H - Codebtors



# Amendment to Schedule C Property Claimed as Exempt



### Requirements:

- File Amended Schedule C
  - Official Form B106C
- File Declaration About Debtor's Schedules
  - Official Form 106Dec
- File Notice of Amendment
  - Local Form MSSB-ASCH-C



### **Notice of Amendment**

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



## **Docket Events**

#### **Amended Schedule**

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

#### **Notice of Amendment**

Bankruptcy > Notices > Notice of Amendment to Schedule C



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



### Requirements:

- File Amended Schedule G
  - Official Forms B106G
- File Declaration About Debtor's Schedules
  - 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 U.S. 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 > Notices > Notice (Generic)



# Amendment to Schedule H Codebtors



#### Requirements:

- File Amended Schedule H
  - Official Forms B106H
- File Declaration About Debtor's Schedules
  - 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 U.S. 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 > Notices > 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



### Requirements:

- File Amended Schedule
  - Official Forms B106A/B; B106I; B106J
- File Declaration About Debtor's Schedules
  - Official Form 106Dec
- Notice of amendment <u>not required</u>.
  - Case trustee and U.S. Trustee receive notice through CM/ECF.



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





Form Name	Description
MSSB-A7-3	Notice Amending Creditor List/Matrix (Ch 7)
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
MSSB-A7-2	Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 7 - Asset)
MSSB-A7-1	Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 7 - No Asset)
MSSB-A13-1	Notice Amending Schedules (Ch 13)



# 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.



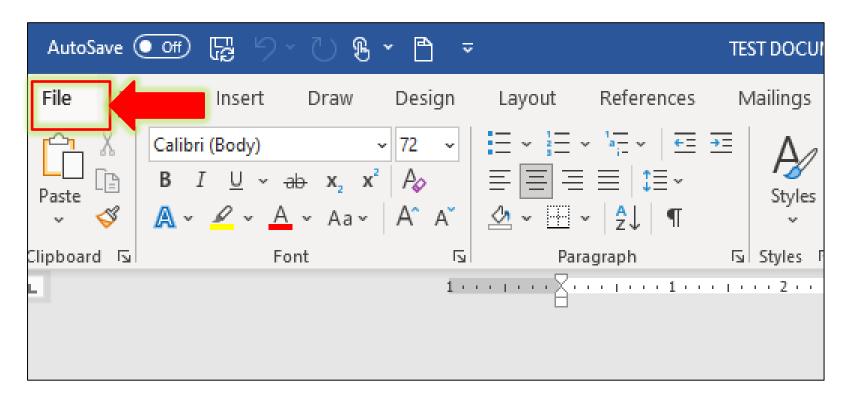
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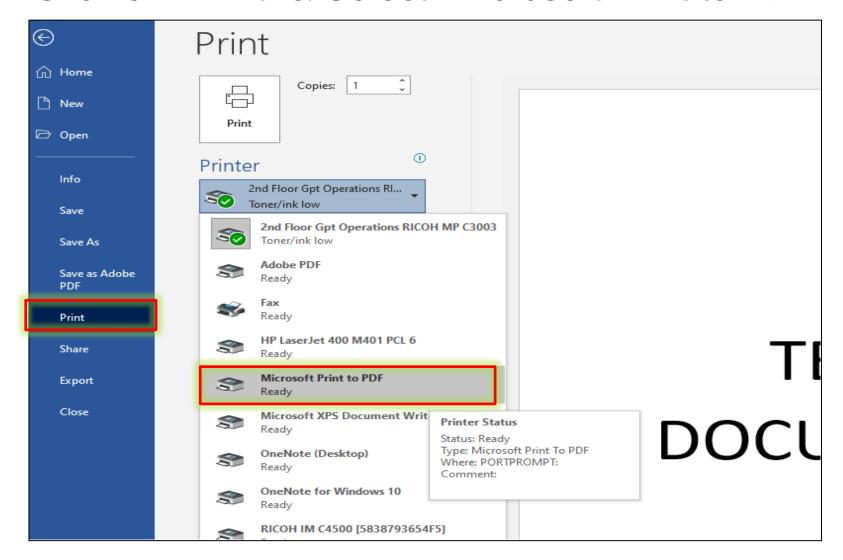


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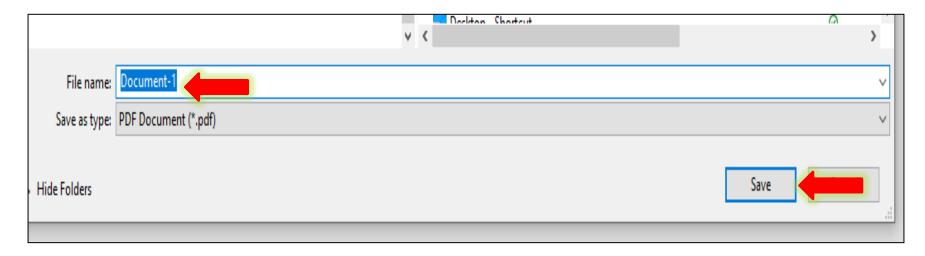


#### Click on "Print" & Select "Microsoft Print to PDF"





#### Name and Save the File





#### PDF – Fillable Forms

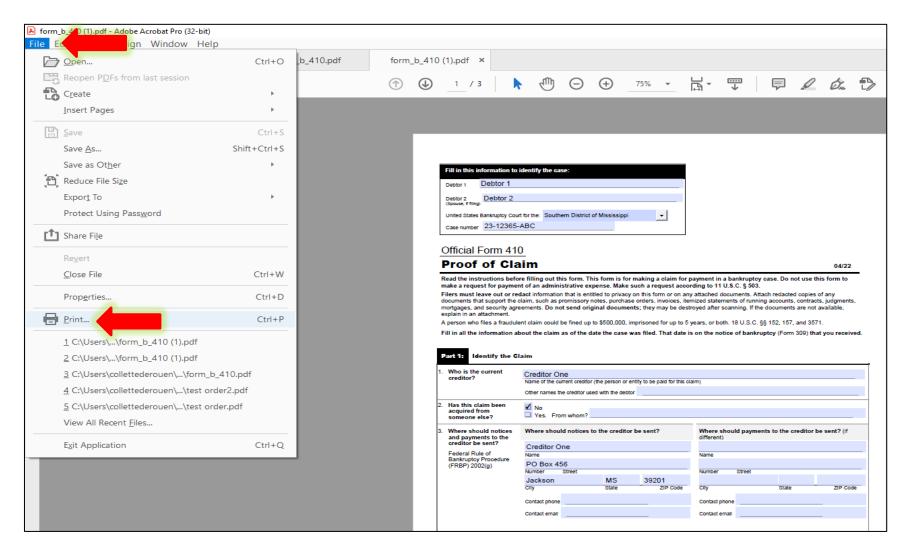
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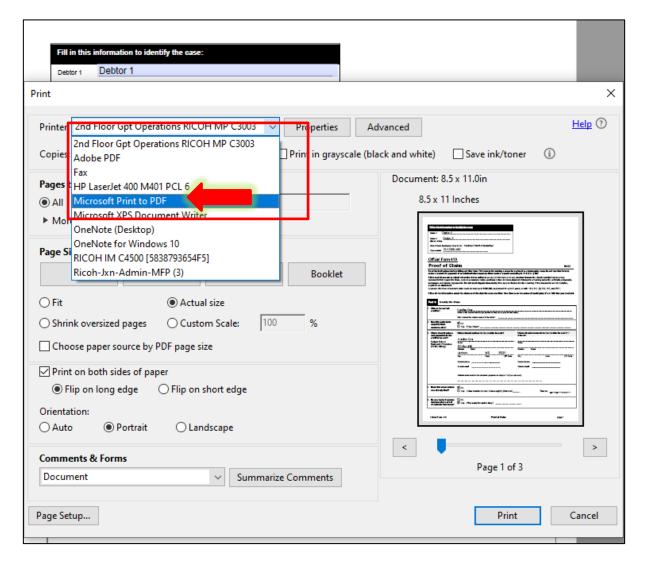


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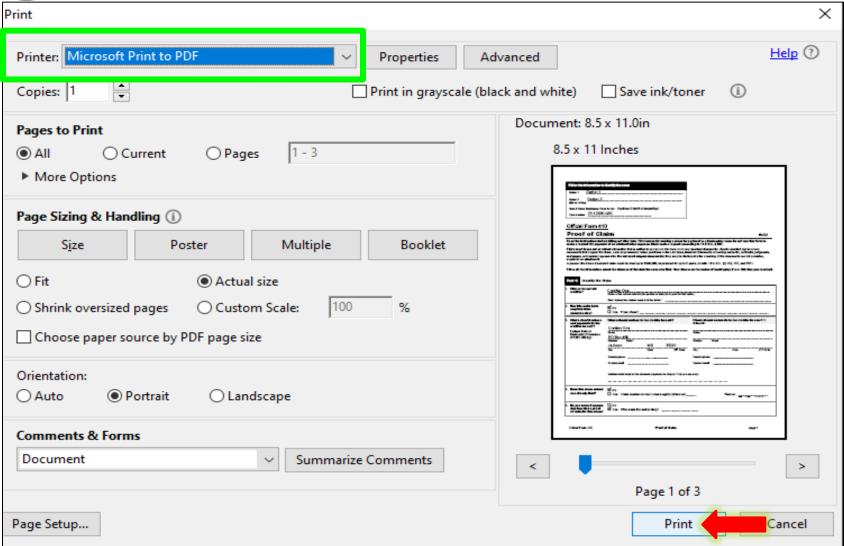


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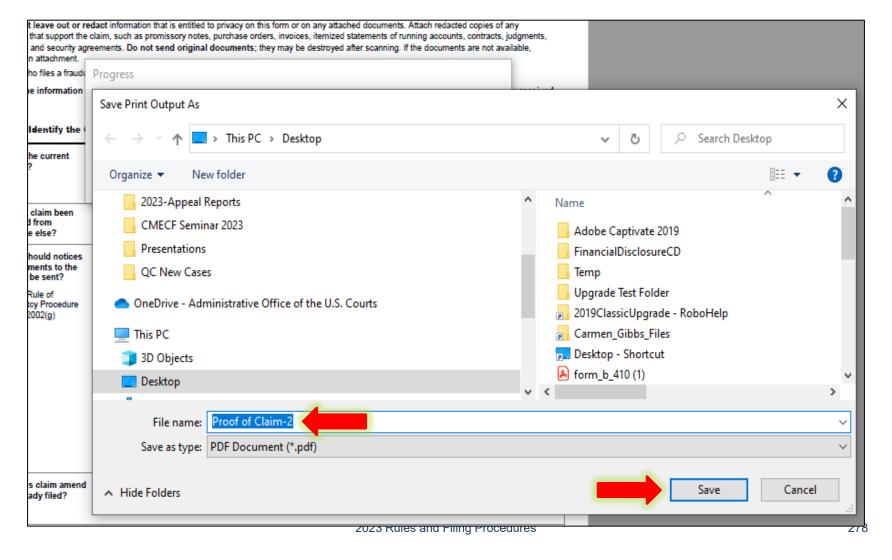
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## Flatten PDF Fillable Document

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United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of Mississippi	
Case number 23-12365-ABC	
Official Form 410	

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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, invoices, 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,

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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# Questions



# Modify Chapter 13 Plan

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



Modify Chapter 13 Plan Before Confirmation

Modify Chapter 13 Plan After Confirmation



# Modify Chapter 13 Plan Before Confirmation



Modify Chapter 13 Plan Before Confirmation

#### **Requirements**:

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

# **Modify Plan Before Confirmation**

# Modified plan must be filed using Local Form MSSB-113.



## **Modify Plan Before Confirmation**

## **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 the previous filed plan.
- Select specific motions or requests if the plan includes new debt in parts 3.2 or 3.4, new collateral in 3.5 or new lease contracts in 6.1



## **Modify Plan Before Confirmation**

# Your selections during the docketing process will determine the final 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.			
☐ Motion for valuation of security, payment of fully secured claims, and modification of undersecured claims [Part 3.2]			
☐ Motion to avoid lien pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 522 [Part 3.4]			
☑ Request to surrender collateral [Part 3.5]			
Request for assumption of executory contracts and/or unexpired leases [Part 6.1]			
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)



## **Modify Plan Before Confirmation**

### Step 2 - File Notice and Certificate of Service

#### **Docket Event**

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

#### Filer must:

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



# Modify Chapter 13 Plan After Confirmation

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



## **Modify Plan After Confirmation**

### Requirements:

- File a Motion
- Attach a Proposed Order
- Attach a Certificate of Service

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



### **Modify Plan After Confirmation**

#### Motion must include:

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



### **Docket Event**

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

# **Modify Chapter 13 Plan**

### Questions



# Chapter 13 Discharge



# Chapter 13 Discharge

Chapter 13 discharge procedures are governed by:

Amended Standing order Adopting Procedures for Obtaining Discharge in Chapter 13 Cases (2023-01)



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

### Plan Completed

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

The motion must substantially conform to Local Form MSSB-M13-1.

Debtor must serve motion on all creditors and parties in interest.

Absent any objections, the court will enter a discharge order.

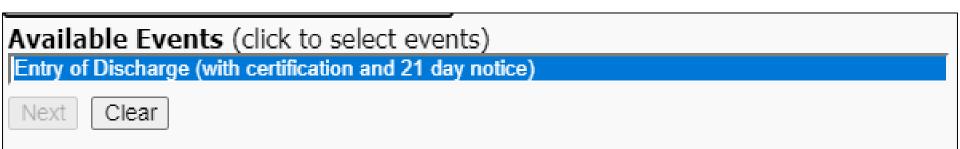


## Chapter 13 Discharge § 1328(a) & (h)

File Motion (Local form MSSB-13-1)

#### **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

- The debtor must file a motion that includes a certification in support of the motion ("Hardship Motion".) No local form.
- The certification must substantially conform with Local form MSSB-1328(b)-Cert, filed as an attachment to the Hardship Motion.

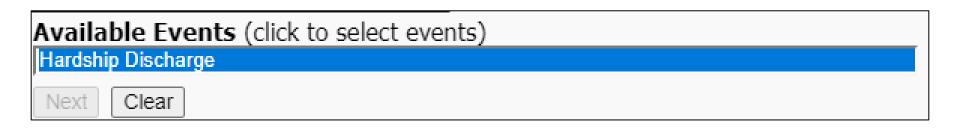


### Chapter 13 Hardship Discharge § 1328(b)

File Motion

#### **Docket Event**

Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Hardship Discharge





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

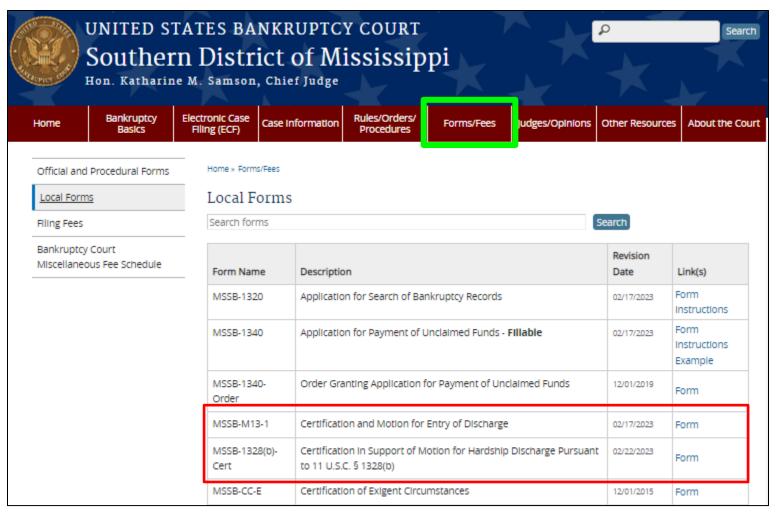
#### The court enters an order that sets:

- A hearing on the motion;
- A response deadline to the motion; and
- A deadline to file complaint to determine dischargeability of a debt under § 523(a)(6).



### **Local Forms**

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



## 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 notice
  - Local Form MSSB-5009-NM1340
- Proposed Order
  - Local Form MSSB-5009-Order
- Certificate of Service



### Service:

 Debtor must serve notice and motion upon the lien holder, trustee, and US Trustee.

 Service must be made in the same manner provided by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004 for a summons and complaint.



File Motion (Local Form)

### **Docket Event**

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



Note: File Proposed Order as attachment to the motion.



#### **Local Form**





## Questions



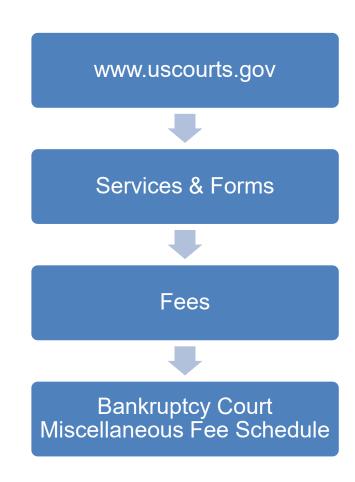
# Filing Fees

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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**

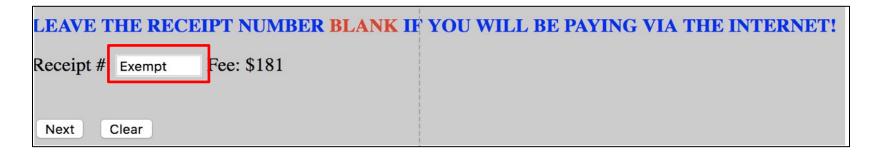
### **Docketing Process**

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Assets: n		
Case Flag: CrsUpld, Repeat-mssb-test, CounDue, CounDueJt, DebtEd, DebtEdJt		
Description of Property:		
LEAVE THE RECEIPT NUMBER BLANK IF YOU WILL BE PAYING VIA THE INTERNET!		
Receipt #: Fee: \$181		
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# **Exempt from Filing Fee**

### **Docketing Process**



Filer exempt - type "*Exempt*" in receipt field.

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# **Exempt from Filing Fee**

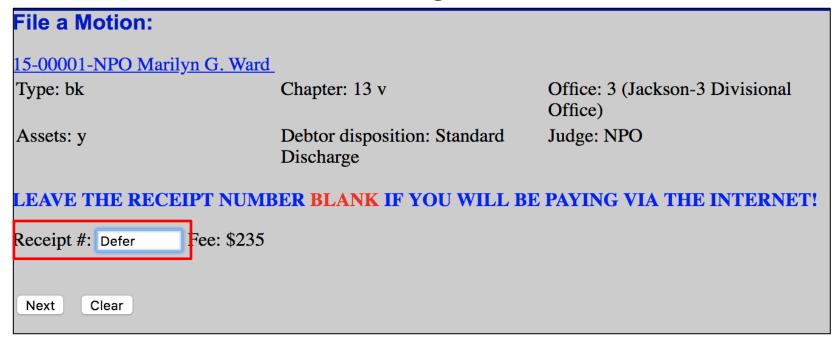
### **Docketing Process**

Motion for Relief from Stay as to *House and Land*. Receipt Number Exempt, Fee Amount \$181, Filed by Creditor SMALL BUSINESS 07/18/2018 (1 pg) ADMINISTRATION (Derouen, Collette) (Entered: 07/18/2018)

"Exempt" replaces the receipt number.



#### **Docketing Process**



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



#### **Docketing Process**

07/18/2018 (Entered: 07/18/2018)
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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





#### **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** 

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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





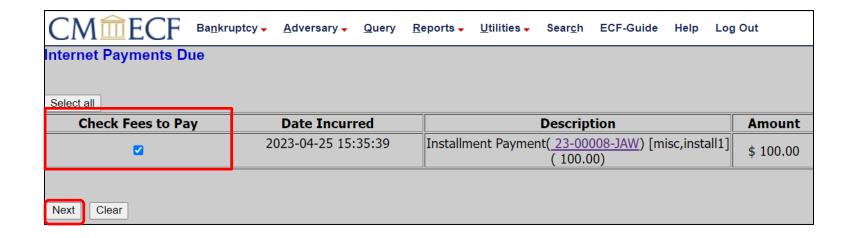
#### **Payment**

#### Utilities > Your Account > Internet Payments Due





#### Internet Payments Due





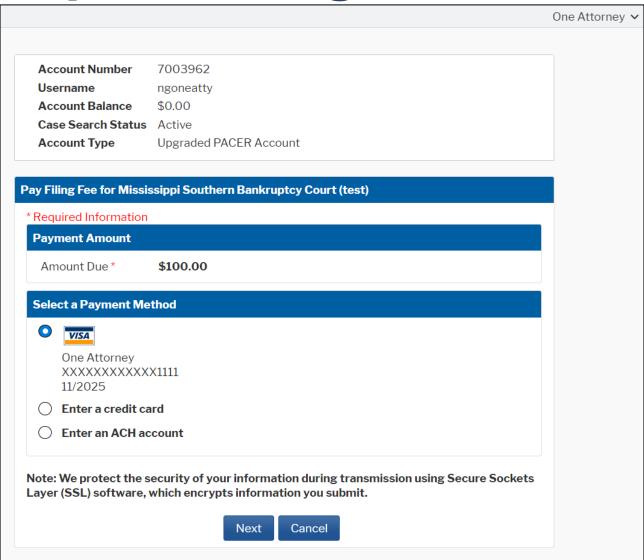
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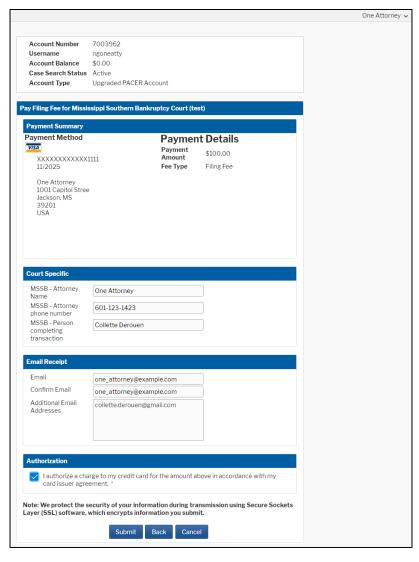


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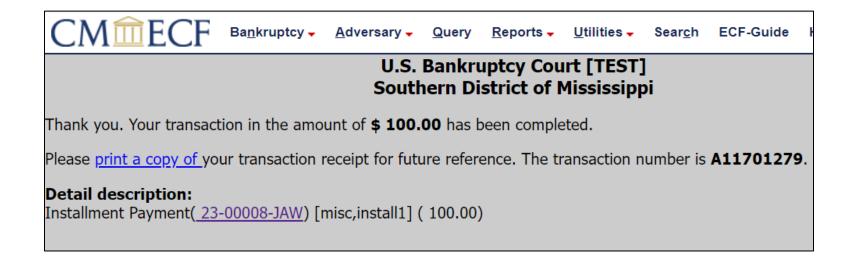








#### Payment Transaction Receipt



#### **Account Unlocked**









#### Questions



Attorney's may make installment payments online for the debtor.



#### Process is:

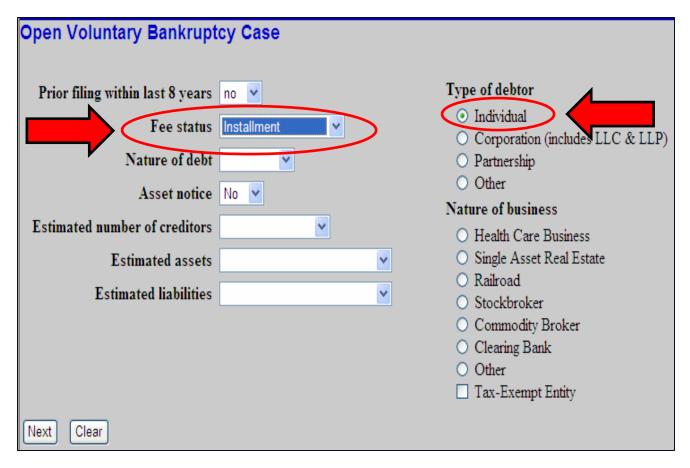
- Efficient
- Secure

- Cost-effective
- Simple



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

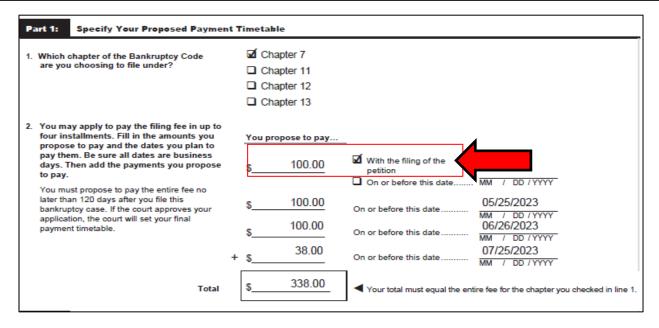




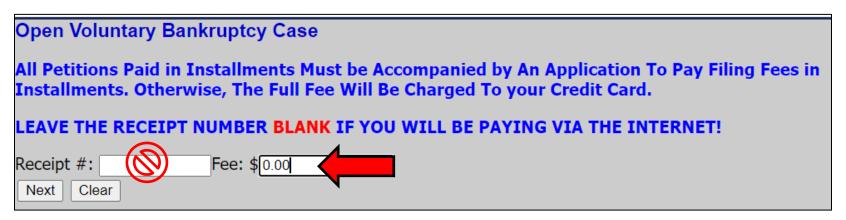
Fee Status Screen

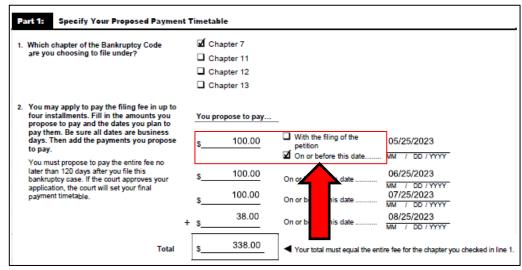


Open Voluntary Bankruptcy Case		
All Petitions Paid in Installments Must be Accompanied by An Application To Pay Filing Fees in Installments. Otherwise, The Full Fee Will Be Charged To your Credit Card.		
Receipt #: Fee: \$100.00    Next Clear		









# 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

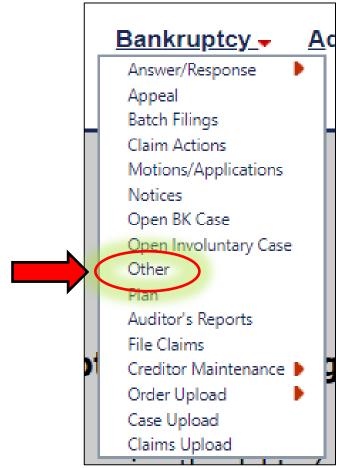




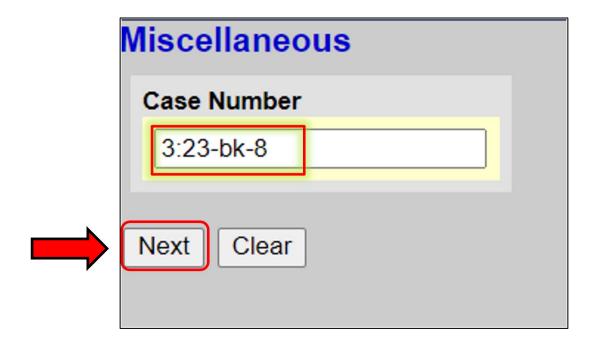
Select Bankruptcy from CM/ECF menu



Select **Other** from the Bankruptcy event List

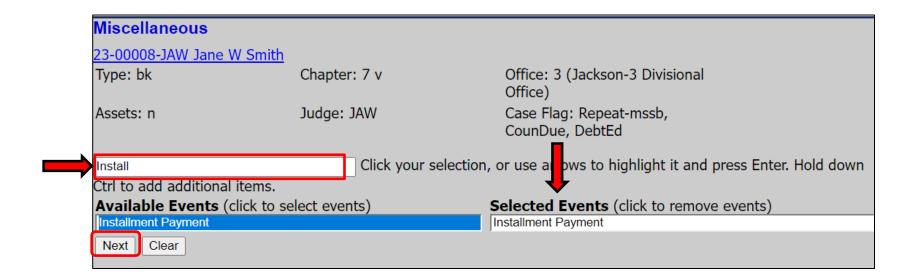






Enter case number and Click Next





#### Select event and Click Next



#### Important Message

#### Miscellaneous:

23-00008-JAW Jane W Smith

Type: bk Chapter: 7 v Office: 3 (Jackson-3 Divisional

Office)

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

CounDue, DebtEd

#### IMPORTANT:

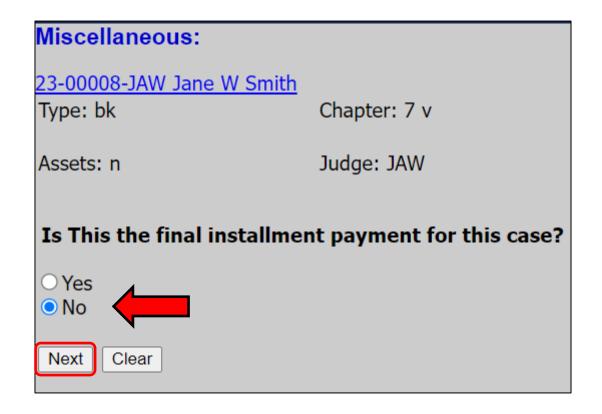
If this is a final installment payment please insure that you are paying the exact amount due.

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

Next

Clear



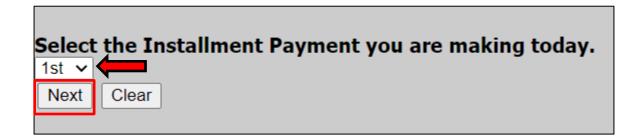




Miscellaneous:		
Chapter: 7 v		
Judge: JAW		
Select the Installment Payment you are making today.		

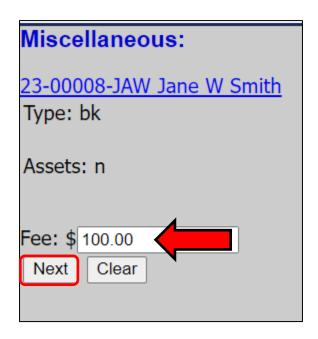
Select payment type





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

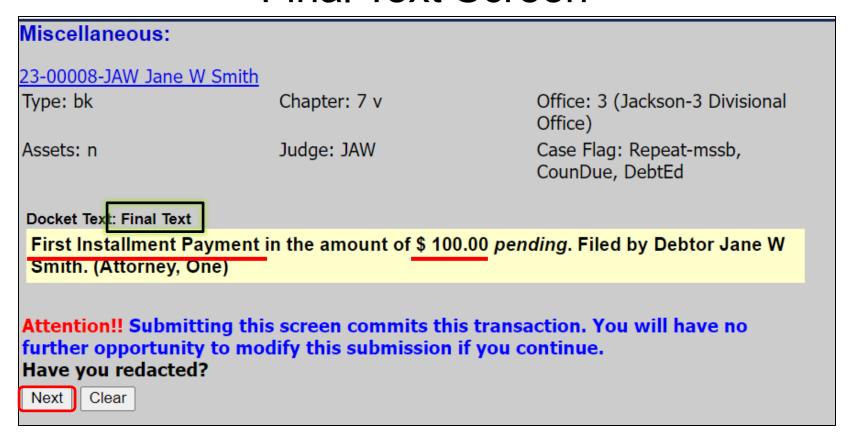




Enter amount and Click Next



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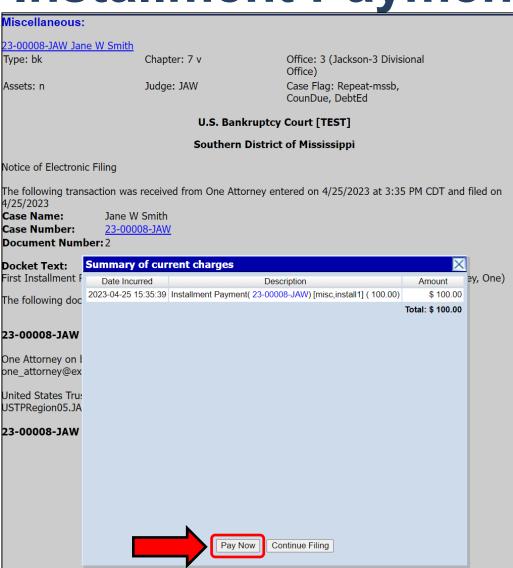


Verify installment type and amount

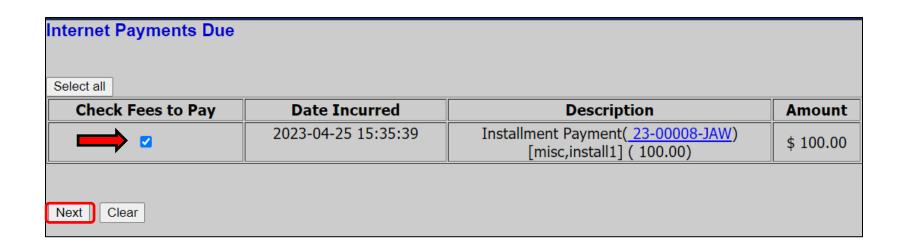


Transaction NEF

Click Pay Now to pay the installment







#### Check box and Click Next





#### Click Pay Now







#### Questions



#### Chambers



## **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.
- Do not assume chambers knows a proposed agreed order has been submitted.
- Do not assume the other party reported the settlement.



#### Communication

Notify your client when:

- they must attend the hearing.
- the matter settles.



#### 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



Do not assume that you do <u>not</u> need to attend a hearing if the other side has not filed a response.



- Read hearing notices thoroughly.
- 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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# Chambers

- Motion for turnover of property by the debtor must be filed in the form of an adversary complaint.
- No negative notice required when debtor files a motion to dismiss his/her chapter 13 case.



#### Questions



#### Attorney/staff training:

New staff

Refresher for current staff

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### **Contact Information**

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