

United States Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

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The purpose of this newsletter is to advise New Jersey Bankruptcy Court subscribers of new system and operational developments and to highlight issues that require immediate attention.

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FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY RULES AND FORMS AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2024

On December 1, 2024, amendments to the following bankruptcy rules and forms are scheduled to take effect:

Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

- Bankruptcy Rules Parts I through IX restyled
- Bankruptcy Rule 1007 amended
- Bankruptcy Rule 4004 amended
- Bankruptcy Rule 5009 amended
- Bankruptcy Rule 7001 amended
- Bankruptcy Rule 8023.1 new
- Bankruptcy Rule 9006 amended

Amendments to Official and Director's Bankruptcy Forms

- Official Form 410 amended
- Director's Form 1040 amended
- Director's Form 2000 amended
- Director's Form 2630 amended

Abrogation of Official Form 423

Official Form 423 (Certification About a Financial Management Course) is being abrogated and will no longer required by individual debtors as proof of compliance with the personal financial management course requirement. Only the certificate issued by an approved financial management course provider must be filed (either by the course provider or by the debtor). Any references to Official Form 423 will be removed from the court's correspondence and applicable events in CM/ECF on December 1st.

Detailed information regarding the rule amendments and restyling can be found here and detailed information on the form changes can be found here.

LOCAL FORM SUBCHAPTER V STATUS REPORT REVISED

Please be advised that Local (mandatory) Form Subchapter V Status Report was recently revised. The current form with the revision date of November 15, 2024 can be found on the court's website under the Forms tab in the Local Forms section, along with all of the court's local mandatory and recommended forms.

JUDGE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE COURT'S WEBSITE

The court's website contains information for each judge under the Judges' Info tab including appearances, communicating with judge's staff, trial information, etc. In addition, a separate page that includes each judge's hearing dates (and hearing-related information) can also be found at this tab. One of the most common mistakes made by e-filers is selecting an improper hearing date (or time) when prompted to do so during the filing process. When an improper hearing date or time is selected, the hearing will be rescheduled by the Clerk's Office and service requirements by the filer still apply.

SEARCH FEATURE IN CM/ECF

It is important when efiling to use the dedicated event in CM/ECF for the type of document you are filing when there is one available. This assists the Clerk's Office in proper and timely processing of documents, and not using the correct event may result in having to resubmit your filing. Non-specific events like "Motion (Generic)" and "Document" should be used only when no other event is available. If you are unsure about which event to use, the Search function on the main menu bar in CM/ECF can be a helpful tool in this regard. Enter key word(s) into the search box and if an event appears that you would like to use, it can be selected directly from the search results screen.



The court's helpdesk is also available by phone or email for filing-related questions.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

E-filers are reminded of the responsibility to maintain updated contact information. To modify your contact information and/or email preferences associated with your account, go to pacer.uscourts.gov and select Manage My Account Login. After logging in with your Pacer credentials, select the Maintenance Tab and follow the prompts to perform updates.



COURT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please be advised that the court will be closed on the following days:

Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29, 2024
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Monday, January 20, 2025

EMAIL ALERTS

NEVER MISS A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COURT!

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