

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
RE AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND FORMS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that amendments to the following Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure were effective December 1, 2002:

Bankruptcy Rules 1004, 2004, 2015, 4004, 9014, and 9027, and new Rule 1004.1.

Amendments to Official Forms 1, 5, and 17 were also effective December 1, 2002; the following is a brief description of the changes to these forms:

Form 1 - Voluntary Petition

The form has been amended to provide a checkbox for designating a clearing bank case filed under subchapter V of chapter 7 of the Code enacted by § 112 of Pub. L. No. 106-554 (December 21, 2000).

Form 5 - Involuntary Petition

The form is amended to give notice that no filing fee is required if a child support creditor or its representative is a petitioner, and if the petitioner also files a form detailing the child support debt, its status, and other characteristics, as specified in § 304(g) of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-394, 108 Stat. 4106 (Oct. 22, 1994).

Form 17 - Notice of Appeal

The form is amended to give notice that no filing fee is required if a child support creditor or its representative is the appellant, and if the child support creditor or its representative files a form detailing the child support debt, its status, and other characteristics, as specified in § 304(g) of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-396, 108 Stat. 4106 (Oct. 22, 1994).

The text of the amended rules can be found on the judiciary's Federal Rulemaking web site at: www.uscourts.gov/rules; the Official Forms may also be accessed from the judiciary's web site or from our court's web site at: www.njb.uscourts.gov.

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