

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY
COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF
TEXAS
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October 1, 2015

CLERK'S NOTICE

**NOTICE REGARDING BANKRUPTCY FORM
CHANGES EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015**

Most Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted, and renumbered versions effective December 1, 2015.

These new forms are part of a forms modernization project that began in 2008 by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. Among other things, the new forms introduce different versions of case opening forms for individual debtors and non-individual debtors. The new forms are easier for debtors to understand and complete, and are designed to work with scheduled enhancements to the federal courts' case opening and electronic case management system.

The following official forms are scheduled to be replaced:

1. *Voluntary Petition* (B1)
2. *Declaration under Penalty of Perjury on Behalf of a Corporation or Partnership* (B2)
3. *Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments* (B3A)
4. *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (B3B)
5. *List of Creditors Holding 20 Largest Unsecured Claims* (B4)
6. *Involuntary Petition* (B5)
7. *Cover Sheet for Schedules* (B6 Cover)
8. *Declaration Concerning Debtor's Schedules* (B6 Declaration)
9. *Summary of Schedules* (B6 Summary)
10. Forms for Schedules A-J (B6A-J)
11. *Statement of Financial Affairs* (B7)
12. *Chapter 7 Individual Debtor's Statement of Intention* (B8)
13. All meeting of creditor notices (B9A-I)
14. *Proof of Claim* (B10)
15. *Proof of Claim, Attachment A* (B10A)
16. *Proof Of Claim, Supplement 1* (B10S1)
17. *Proof Of Claim, Supplement 2* (B10S2)
18. *General Power of Attorney* (B11A)

19. *Special Power of Attorney* (B11B)
20. *Order and Notice for Hearing on Disclosure Statement* (B12)
21. *Order Approving Disclosure Statement and Fixing Time for Filing Acceptances or Rejections of Plan, Combined with Notice Thereof* (B13)
22. *Ballot for Accepting or Rejecting Plan* (B14)
23. *Order Confirming Plan* (B15)
24. *Caption* (B16A)
25. *Abrogated* (B16C)
26. *Caption for Use in Adversary Proceeding other than for a Complaint Filed by a Debtor* (B16D)
27. *Notice of Appeal and Statement of Election* (B17A)
28. *Optional Appellee Statement of Election to Proceed in District Court* (B17B)
29. *Certificate of Compliance with Rule 8015(a)(7)(B) or 8016(d)(2)* (B17C)
30. *Discharge of Debtor* (B18)
31. *Declaration and Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer* (B19)
32. *Means Test Forms* (B22A-1 through B22C2)
33. *Debtor's Certification of Completion of Instructional Course Concerning Financial Management* (B23)
34. *Reaffirmation Agreement Cover Sheet* (B27)

In addition, the following director's bankruptcy forms are scheduled to change:

1. *Order Conditionally Approving Disclosure Statement* (B13S)
2. *Order Approving Disclosure Statement and Confirming Plan* (B15S)
3. All discharge forms (B18F–B18WH)
4. Forms 104–283

The following six official forms will be revised in 2016 or later:

1. *Notice of Motion or Objection* (B20A)
2. *Notice of Objection to Claim* (B20B)
3. *Plan of Reorganization in Small Business Cases under Chapter 11* (B25A)
4. *Disclosure Statement in Small Business Case under Chapter 11* (B25B)
5. *Small Business Monthly Operating Report* (B25C)
6. *Periodic Report Regarding Value, Operations and Profitability of Entities in Which the Debtor's Estate Holds a Substantial or Controlling Interest* (B26)

Click on the following link to view these pending changes including instructions for individual and non-individual debtors and a forms number conversion chart:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms>

EZ-Filing Forms Software No Longer Supported After November 30, 2015

Due to these form changes, CINGroup's EZ-Filing software, used by many attorneys to prepare bankruptcy forms, will no longer be updated or supported after November 30 (<http://go.cingroup.com/ezfilingtransition>).

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