

Filing Requirements Quick Reference Guide

IMPORTANT NOTE: All documents filed with the Court must comply with the basic compliance guidelines. The pleadings listed on this chart reflect those with additional requirements.

PLEADING	REQUIREMENTS	ECF MENU SELECTION - BANKRUPTCY EVENT	COURT PROCEDURE
AGREED MOTION TO ABANDON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signature/electronic signature of all parties MUST include the signature of the Trustee 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: Agreed Motion to Abandon</p> <p>NOTE: <i>If the Agreed Motion to Abandon also includes a request for Relief from Stay, you must also select Agreed Motion for Relief from Stay by holding down the CTRL key</i></p>	Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days
AGREED MOTION TO PAY CREDITOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pleading must not indicate that upon failure to comply, the Court will enter an Order Terminating Stay 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: Agreed Motion to Pay</p>	Pleading will be routed to the Judge
AGREED MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signature/electronic signature of all parties 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: Agreed Motion for Relief from Stay</p> <p>NOTE: <i>If the Agreed Motion for Relief from Stay also includes a request for Abandonment, you must also select Agreed Motion to Abandon by holding down the CTRL key.</i></p>	Pleading will be routed to the Judge UNLESS the Agreed Motion also requests Abandonment. If abandonment is requested, pleading will be noticed for Objections for a period of 15 days

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AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULES	<p><u>Amendments to Schedules D, E or F</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Local Form B • Certificate of Service to any affected parties • When adding a creditor or modifying a creditors name and/or address, the document must contain language stating that the 341 notice has been served on all affected creditors • If the case is an asset case, amendment must include language notifying any additional creditors of the 90 day time period in which the creditor may file a proof of claim • Filing fee if appropriate (refer to Fee Chart) <p><u>Amendments Debtors name or addition of an alias for the debtor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of service to all creditors <p><u>Change of address for creditor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of service to any affected creditors 	<p>Category: Miscellaneous Event: Amended Schedules</p>	
AMENDMENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of service to all creditors 	<p>Category: Miscellaneous Event: Amendment to Social Security Number</p>	

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AMENDED PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of service to all creditors • filed pre-confirmation (unless directed otherwise by Order of the Court) 	<p>Category: Plan</p> <p>Event: <i>Select the appropriate Chapter</i> Amended Chapter 11 Plan Amended Chapter 11 Small Business Plan Amended Chapter 12 Plan Amended Chapter 13 Plan</p>	
APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION	<p><u>CHAPTER 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion and resulting order <p><u>CHAPTER 7,11,12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying professional must be employed in the case • A professional may only apply every 120 days • Must include all information required per Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2016 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A detailed Statement of Services rendered (an Itemization is required only if the requesting party is an attorney, and fee is not a contingency fee) ■ A detailed Statement of Expenses incurred, if applicable ■ The amounts requested <p><u>Chapter 11 cases also require:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed Biography for attorney services, or must reference biographies filed with a previous application 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications - Compensation-13</p> <p>Event: Compensation-13</p> <p>Category: Motions/Applications - Compensation-7, 11, 12</p> <p>Event: Compensation-7, 11, 12</p>	<p><u>All Chapters</u></p> <p>If the amount requested is \$1,000 or less, the pleading will be routed to the Judge</p> <p><u>Chapter 7,11,12</u></p> <p>If the amount requested is more than \$1,000, the pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 20 days</p> <p><u>Chapter 13</u></p> <p>If the amount requested is more than \$1,000, the pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days</p>

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APPLICATION TO EMPLOY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the person to be employed is an attorney, a declaration by the attorney must be submitted 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Employ	Pleading will be noticed for objections for 20 days
APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must substantially comply with Official Form B3B 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: In Forma Pauperis	Pleading will be routed to the Judge
CERTIFICATE OF CHANGES TO THE MAILING MATRIX (CONVERTED CASE ONLY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include a list of any additions, deletions, or address changes, or should certify that no changes are necessary. Filer is to upload any additional creditors through Creditor Maintenance 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Certificate of Changes to the Mailing Matrix (Converted Case ONLY)	
CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT COUNSELING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be issued by an approved Credit Counseling agency Must include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Certificate number ■ Name of the Debtor ■ Statement that the credit counseling/briefing has been completed 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Certificate of Credit Counseling	
CERTIFICATION OF PLAN COMPLETION AND REQUEST FOR DISCHARGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial compliance with Local Form Q Financial Management Course Certificate or an Order Exempting Debtor from Financial Management Training must have been filed 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Certification of Plan Completion and Request for Discharge	Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If being filed by the debtor for another party, must include a certificate of service to the affected parties. 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Change of Address	
DEBTOR'S REBUTTAL OF PRESUMPTION OF ABUSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include a description of special circumstances. 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Debtor's Rebuttal of Presumption of Abuse	
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE CERTIFICATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be issued by an approved Debtor Education agency Must include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Certificate number ■ Name of the Debtor ■ Statement that the financial management course has been completed 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Financial Management Course Certificate	
MOTION FOR ABANDONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial compliance with Local Form E Certificate of service to the debtor's attorney Motion and order must contain a specific list of the affected property Filing fee if appropriate (refer to Fee Chart) <p>NOTE: <i>May not be applicable in all Chapters</i></p>	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Request for Abandonment	Chapter 7 cases Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days

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MOTION FOR ACCESS TO TAX DOCUMENTS	Must contain the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • description of the movant’s status in the case • description of the specific tax information sought • statement indicating that the information cannot be obtained by the movant from other sources • statement showing a demonstrated need for the tax information 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Access to Tax Documents	Pleading will be routed to the Judge
MOTION TO AMEND ORDER OF CONFIRMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must detail the modification 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Amend Order of Confirmation	Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 20 days
MOTION TO AVOID LIEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial with Local Form I • Certificate of Service to the affected creditor • Must include the clause notifying the creditor of the 15-day objection period • Motion and order must contain a specific list of the affected property <p>NOTE: <i>May not be applicable in all chapters</i></p>	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Avoid Lien - Other Than Household Goods OR Avoid Lien on Household Goods 522(f)(1)(B)(i)	Chapter 7 Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days UNLESS the case was reopened for the purpose of filing a Motion to Avoid Lien. In these instances, the Motion to Avoid Lien will be set for hearing Chapter 13 If applicable, pleading will be set for hearing

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<p>MOTION TO BORROW (OR INCUR CREDIT POST- CONFIRMATION)</p>	<p><u>Chapter 11 and 12 cases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion and resulting order <p><u>Chapter 13 cases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Local Form G UNLESS the motion is a request to pay off the Chapter 13 plan. Otherwise: • Must include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amount of loan ■ Interest rate ■ Term of loan and amount of installment payment ■ Purpose of loan (if loan is for the purchase of a home, disclose source of downpayment/closing costs and attach copy of contract to motion ■ State that plan payments are current ■ Budget information (if case is over 1 year old - a new budget may be attached or debtor may indicate that he/she relies on a previous budget, e.g., that filed at time of confirmation) 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: Borrow</p>	<p><u>Chapter 11 and 12 cases</u> Pleading will be forwarded to the Judge</p> <p><u>Chapter 13 cases</u> If the amount borrowed is \$500 or less OR if the proceeds pay off the plan, pleading will be forwarded to the Judge</p> <p>If the amount borrowed exceeds \$500, pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days</p>

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MOTION TO CONTINUE 341 MEETING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If motion is being filed by the debtor after the scheduled date for the 341 meeting because debtor failed to appear, an affidavit from the debtor is required Order should not include blanks for the date/time of the continued meeting or a specific date/time for continuance. Click here for example. 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Continue Meeting of Creditors	Pleading will be routed to the Judge
MOTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CREDIT COUNSELING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial compliance with Local Form O 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Exemption from Credit Counseling	Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days
MOTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial compliance with Local Form P 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Exemption from Financial Management Course	Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR CREDIT COUNSELING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial compliance with Local Form N 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Extend Time for Credit Counseling	Pleading will be routed to the Judge

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MOTION FOR HARDSHIP DISCHARGE	<p>If case was filed on or after 10/17/2005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be accompanied by the Certification of Debtor Information Regarding Request for Hardship Discharge (Local Form R) • The Financial Management Course Certificate must have been filed in the case OR an Order Exempting Debtor from Financial Management must have been entered OR a Motion for Exemption from Financial Management Training must be pending in the case 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: Hardship Discharge</p>	<p>Pleading will be set for hearing</p>
MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must detail the modification 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: Modify Plan</p>	<p><u>Chapter 11 and 12 cases</u> Pleading will be forwarded to the Judge</p> <p><u>Chapter 13 cases</u> If motion is filed by the Trustee, the pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days. All other Motions to Modify the Plan will be noticed for objections for a period of 20 days.</p>
MOTION TO REDEEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Local Form H • Certificate of service to creditor • Must include a clause notifying creditor of the 15-day objection period 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: Redeem</p>	<p>Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days</p>

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MOTION FOR REFUND OF UNCLAIMED MONEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial compliance with Local Form K 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Refund Unclaimed Monies	Pleading will be routed to the Judge
MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Service to attorney unless pro se. If pro se, Certificate of Service to the debtor Description of related property or purpose for relief from stay must be listed in the body of the motion Filing fee (Refer to Fee Chart) <p><u>Additional Requirements for Chapter 11 and 13 cases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of proof of claim (or claim listed on claims register) CHAPTER 13 ONLY - If related property is real property, must include Appendix to Motion for Relief from Stay - Chapter 13 Real Property (Local Form A) 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: <i>Select the appropriate Chapter</i> Relief from Stay-Chapter 7 Relief from Stay - Chapter 11,12,13	<u>Chapter 7</u> Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days <u>Chapter 11, 12, 13</u> Pleading will be set for hearing

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MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM CO-DEBTOR STAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Service to attorney unless pro se. If pro se, Certificate of Service to the debtor • Description of related property or purpose for relief from stay must be listed in the body of the motion <p><u>Additional Requirements for Chapter 11 and 13 cases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of proof of claim (or claim listed on claims register) • CHAPTER 13 ONLY - If related property is real property, must include Appendix to Motion for Relief from Stay - Chapter 13 Real Property (Local Form A) 	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: <i>Select the appropriate Chapter Relief from Co-Debtor Stay</i> - Chapter 7 Relief from Co-Debtor Stay - Chapter 11,12,13</p>	<p><u>Chapter 7</u> Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days</p> <p><u>Chapter 11, 12, 13</u> Pleading will be set for hearing</p>
MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY AND ABANDONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Service to attorney unless pro se. If pro se, Certificate of Service to the debtor • Description of related property or purpose for relief from stay must be listed in the body of the motion. • Filing fee (Refer to Fee Chart) <p>NOTE: <i>Abandonment may not be applicable in all Chapters</i></p>	<p>Category: Motions/Applications Event: <i>Select the appropriate Chapter Relief from Stay - Chapter 7</i> Relief from Stay - Chapter 11,12,13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Request for Abandonment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hold down the CTRL key and select both</i></p>	<p><u>Chapter 7</u> Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days</p>

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MOTION TO REOPEN CASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion only, unless party requests (in this motion or by separate motion/order) that fee be deferred or waived, and then motion and order • Filing fee is required, unless accompanied by motion to defer/waive filing fee or the purpose of reopening is to file an adversary proceeding under 727 or 523 only or to file a motion for contempt (Refer to Fee Chart) 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: <i>Select the appropriate Chapter</i> Reopen Chapter 11 Case Reopen Chapter 12 Case Reopen Chapter 13 Case Reopen Chapter 7 Case	Pleading will be routed to the Judge
MOTION TO SEPARATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the voluntary petition (pages 1-2 only) • New matrix for the debtor who wishes to separate in PDF format • Filing Fee (Refer to Fee Chart) 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: <i>Select the appropriate Chapter</i> Separate Chapter 11 Case Separate Chapter 12 Case Separate Chapter 13 Case Separate Chapter 7 Case	Pleading will be routed to the Judge
MOTION TO STRIP OFF A JUNIOR LIEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with L.B.R. 13.3 • Substantial compliance with Local Form M 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Strip Off Junior Lien-Real Property	Pleading will be set for hearing

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MOTION TO SUSPEND PAYMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Local Form F • Must include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dates of suspension ■ State if plan payments are current or specify arrearage ■ State terms of the Chapter 13 plan ■ If plan is currently set for sixty months, must provide information as to how debtor plans to make up the suspended payments ■ Detailed reason for suspension 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Suspend Plan Payments	<p>If suspension is for one month and does not exceed 3 months, pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 15 days.</p> <p>If suspension is less than 1 month or exceeds 3 months, pleading will be routed to the Judge</p>
NOTICE OF OVERRIDE OF PREFERRED CREDITOR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must clearly list address to be used in lieu of national preferred address. 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Notice of Override of Preferred Address	
NOTICE TO SUBSTITUTE ATTORNEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The signature of the attorney who did not file the document in ECF must be represented by either a scanned or electronic signature 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Notice to Substitute Attorney	
OBJECTION TO CLAIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleading stating reason for objection and resulting order 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Objection to Claim	Pleading will be noticed for objections for a period of 20 days
OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleading stating reason for objection 	Category: Plan Event: Objection to Confirmation of Plan	Pleading will be addressed at the confirmation hearing
OBJECTION TO EXEMPTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleading stating reason for objection and resulting order 	Category: Motions/Applications Event: Objection to Exemption	Pleading will be set for hearing

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SCHEDULE OF ALLOWED CLAIMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due 120 days from the original 341 meeting date • Must include the name and case number of the debtor • Information regarding the allowance of the claims, including the name, address, and amount of all creditors/claims that are being allowed (pleading may be filed on claims register form or other form with no cover sheet, given that this information is supplied) • No address information is needed for claims which have an indication of See O/C, Objection Filed, or other statement indicating that the claim is not being addressed by the Schedule of Allowed Claims 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Schedule of Allowed Claims	
STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME AND MEANS TEST (Chapter 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Official Form 22A 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Statement of Current Monthly Income and Means Test - Ch 7	
STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY AND DISPOSABLE INCOME (Chapter 13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Official Form 22C 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Statement of Current Monthly and Disposable Income - Ch 13	
STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME-CH 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Official Form 22B 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Statement of Current Monthly Income-Ch 11	
STATEMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial compliance with Official Form B21 	Category: Miscellaneous Event: Statement of Social Security Number	

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WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleading must be appropriately styled and formatted • Attaching a PDF copy of the proof of claim is not acceptable 	Category: Claim Actions Event: Withdrawal of Claim	