



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:)

AMENDMENT OF LOCAL RULES)
OF THE U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT)
_____)

BANKRUPTCY GENERAL)
ORDER NO. 209)

The Court, having considered all public comments submitted to the Court, adopts new Local Bankruptcy Rules 3015-9 and 3022-1; and amended Local Bankruptcy Rules 2004-1; 3015-2; 4002-2; Appendix B; and Appendix D1.

IT IS ORDERED that effective December 1, 2025, the Local Bankruptcy Rules are revised as attached.

DATED: October 30, 2025

CHRISTOPHER B. LATHAM
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

J. BARRETT MARUM
Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Local Rules Changes for December 1, 2025

New Rules

3015-9. Minor Modifications. The Court may approve, on the written stipulation of the debtor and the trustee, nonmaterial modifications of a confirmed chapter 13 plan. To be regarded as nonmaterial, the modification must not delay or reduce the dividend payable on account of any claim or otherwise modify the claim of any creditor absent the affected creditor's written consent.

RULE 3022. FINAL DECREE

3022-1. Application. Unless the Court orders otherwise, an application for final decree must be served on the United States Trustee and on counsel for the Creditors' Committee, or, if there is no Committee, on the 20 largest unsecured creditors. The Court will consider such application without a hearing unless, within 14 days after the date of service of the notice, a party in interest files and serves a request for hearing.

Amended Rules

RULE 2004. EXAMINATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY

2004-1. Examination and Service.

- (a) FRBP 2004 governs examinations of an Individual or Entity.
- (b) Any party in interest seeking to examine any Individual or Entity pursuant to FRBP 2004 must make every reasonable effort to stipulate with the Individual or Entity to be examined to the date, time, place, and scope of any oral the examination. A declaration so attesting must be filed in support of the application.
- (c) Any dispute or request for relief with respect to a proposed Rule 2004 examination shall be treated as a discovery dispute under LBR 7026-2.

3015-2. Chapter 13 – Amendments to Plan.

- (a) PCM. When a plan amendment not adversely affecting a party in interest is required before confirmation, it may be filed as a PCM at any time before a 341(a) meeting or confirmation hearing, and no separate notice is required. An amendment before confirmation that might adversely affect a party in interest must be filed and noticed as a proposed amended plan. See LBR 2002-3 and 3015-6.

(b) Post-Confirmation. When an amendment to the plan is required after confirmation of plan, the proposed amended plan must be attached to Local Form CSD 1149 and separately filed on the docket.

~~(b)~~(c) For minor modifications, see LBR 3015-9.

3015-109. Motions to Value Property Subject to Lien Under Plan.

(a) Format. A request to value property subject to a lien and to treat a claim as unsecured pursuant to §§ 506(a) and 1322 and FRBP 3012 must be noticed as a motion in accordance with FRBP 9014 and LBR 9013-4 by using Local Form CSD 1171.1. If timely opposition of the motion is not filed, then LBR 9013-10(a) will apply and the Court may deem the non-Movant to have consented to the motion.

4002-2. Service of Process. Compensation of Debtor and Insiders.

(a) Compensation. Except in chapter 13 cases and as provided in LBR 4002-2(~~b~~c) in Individual chapter 11 cases, no compensation or other remuneration will be paid from property of the estate to the debtor or any Insider unless approved by the Court, after notice of intended action in accordance with LBR 2002-2(d).

APPENDIX B

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54.1	Applies - Costs
55.1	Not Applicable
58.1	Not Applicable
65.1.2	Applies, supplemented by 9025 – Bonds and Sureties
66.1	Not Applicable
67.1	Not Applicable
72.1	Not Applicable
72.2	Not Applicable
72.3	Not Applicable
73.1	Not Applicable
<u>73.2</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
77.1	Not Applicable
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GUIDELINES FOR FIRST DAY MOTIONS

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2. When First Day Motions are served before the chapter 11 filing, service of the moving papers may be by Express Mail, email, and/or Overnight Mail. After the chapter 11 filing, First Day Motions must be served by email, facsimile, personal service or other electronic means provided, however, that Express or Overnight Mail may be used where a party cannot be contacted by facsimile, personal service or other electronic means.
3. First Day Motions, declarations, other supporting documents and proposed orders for the relief requested should be filed electronically. The words "First Day Motion" must appear in the caption of all First Day Motions and orders thereon.
- 3.4. The Court encourages counsel for the Debtor-in-Possession to make the U.S. Trustee and the Court – through the Clerk of Court – aware in advance of any new case that will require significant judicial involvement at its outset, including adjudication of First Day Motions.
- 4.5. Counsel for the debtor-in-possession must immediately advise the judge's law clerk and the United States Trustee by telephone of any First Day Motion(s) filing.
- 5.6. First Day Motions with respect to the use of cash collateral or post-petition financing must comply with FRBP 4001(b) and (c).
- 6.7. Authorization for payment of insider compensation may be obtained through a First Day Motion. This Motion must state the nature and extent of the duties to be performed by such insider(s) and the business justification for the amount of the compensation proposed. In an individual's chapter 11 case, an order granting insider compensation as a First Day Motion will be effective for 45 days from filing of the chapter 11 case, provided the debtor files the Notice described in LBR 4002-2(d) within 7 days of the

petition date. All subsequent requests for insider compensation must be made as provided in LBR 4002-2.

- ~~7.8.~~ The Court may grant or deny a First Day Motion without a hearing. A denial of a First Day Motion without a hearing is not a disposition on the merits.
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- ~~10.11.~~ Any party may file a motion to modify any First Day Order, other than any order entered pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363 and 364 with respect to the use of cash collateral or approval of post-petition financing, within 30 days of the entry of such order, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Any such motion for modification shall be given expedited consideration by the Court. In any such motion for modification, the debtor-in-possession shall have the burden of proof with respect to the propriety of the relief granted in the original First Day Order.

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