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PROCEDURE MANUAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Procedure Manual Committee was busy at the beginning of 2019. Our January update was delayed due to the partial government shutdown. We finished this update on March 15, 2019. We added nine new procedures, created seven new forms, and revised nine existing procedures. Remember, you can identify the new or updated procedures when there is red text next to the procedure in the Table of Contents.

Parties should note that we updated the negative notice legend to add this language: "You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney if you have one. If the paper is an objection to your claim in this bankruptcy case, your claim may be reduced, modified, or eliminated." This addition is consistent with an upcoming change to the Local Rules. Please ask your staff to start using this new language now even though the new Local Rules will not be effective until July 1, 2019.

The next update will occur around April 15, 2019. You can expect several new procedures and forms. Most critical to the next update, the Procedure Manual Committee requests your assistance in completing a short survey. This survey will guide us on future procedures and improvements to The Source. Please take some time and participate. We truly value your input and suggestions. When the April update occurs, the survey will be sent by email to all CM/ECF participants and will also be available on The Source landing page.

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