

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

In re:

AMENDMENT TO INTERIM
BANKRUPTCY RULE 1007

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
FLMB-2006- 6

ORDER ADOPTING AMENDED INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULE 1007

On September 19, 2006, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved an amendment to Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007 to address the consumer credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. sections 109(h) and 521(b), and recommended that it be adopted by local order of the courts. To implement this amendment to the Interim Rules, the Judicial Conference approved an amendment to Official Form 1, Voluntary Petition, and added an Exhibit D, "Individual Debtor's Statement of Compliance with Credit Counseling Requirement." The Judicial Conference also approved revisions to Official Forms 1, 5, 6, 9, 22A, 22C, and 23. The effective date of the revised Official Forms is October 1, 2006, and the revised Official Forms are on the Court's website, www.flmb.uscourts.gov. To adopt the amendment to Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007 for the Bankruptcy Court in the Middle District of Florida, it is:

ORDERED:

1. The amendment to Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007 implementing the revisions to the Voluntary Petition and adding an Exhibit D, as approved by the Judicial Conference on September 19, 2006, is adopted in its entirety without change. Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007, as amended, is attached to this Order.
2. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. sections 109(h) and 521(b), and Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007(b)(3), an individual debtor must designate on the Voluntary Petition in the appropriate space that Exhibit D has been completed and signed by the debtor (each spouse must complete a separate Exhibit D, if a joint petition is filed). Official Form 1 as amended with Exhibit D is attached to this Order.
3. If a properly signed Exhibit D is not filed with the Petition of an individual debtor, the Petition will be considered nonconforming and the clerk shall serve a notice of deficiency filing on the debtor, including a deadline to correct the deficiency.
4. If Exhibit D, Box 4 is checked (indicating that a credit briefing is not required), it must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court that the requirements of 11 U.S.C. section 109(h)(1) do not apply.

5. This order shall be effective immediately.

DATED in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of October, 2006.

BY THE COURT



Paul M. Glenn
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge
Middle District of Florida

Interim Rule 1007. Lists, Schedules, and Statements, and Other Documents; Time Limits¹

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(b) SCHEDULES, STATEMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

(3) Unless the United States trustee has determined that the credit counseling requirement of § 109(h) does not apply in the district, an individual debtor must file the ~~certificate and debt repayment plan, if any, required by § 521(b), a certification under § 109(h)(3), or a request for a determination by the court under § 109(h)(4).~~ a statement of compliance with the credit counseling requirement, prepared

¹ The amendments are proposed to Interim Rule 1007. Therefore, the underlined additions and the strikeout deletions are to the Interim Rule adopted by the courts on or about October 17, 2005, and not to the existing national rule. This amendment is intended to operate along with the adoption of the amendments to Official Form 1, the voluntary petition.

12 as prescribed by the appropriate Official Form which must
13 include one of the following:

14 (A) an attached certificate and debt repayment
15 plan, if any, required by § 521(b);

16 (B) a statement that the debtor has received the
17 credit counseling briefing required by § 109(h)(1) but does
18 not have the certificate required by § 521(b);

19 (C) a certification under § 109(h)(3); or

20 (D) a request for a determination by the court
21 under § 109(h)(4).

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23 (c) TIME LIMITS. In a voluntary case, the schedules,
24 and statements, and other documents required by subdivision
25 (b)(1), (4), (5), and (6) shall be filed with the petition or
26 within 15 days thereafter, except as otherwise provided in
27 subdivisions (d), (e), (f), and (h) of this rule. In an
28 involuntary case, the list in subdivision (a)(2), and the
29 schedules, statements, and other documents required by

30 subdivision (b)(1) shall be filed by the debtor within 15 days
31 of the entry of the order for relief. ~~The documents required by~~
32 ~~subdivision (b)(3) shall be filed with the petition in a~~
33 ~~voluntary case. The statement required by subdivision (b)(7)~~
34 ~~shall be filed by the debtor within 45 days after the first date~~
35 ~~set for the meeting of creditors under § 341 of the Code in a~~
36 ~~chapter 7 case, and no later than the last payment made by the~~
37 ~~debtor as required by the plan or the filing of a motion for~~
38 ~~entry of a discharge under § 1328(b) in a chapter 13 case.~~
39 ~~The statement required by subdivision (b)(8) shall be filed by~~
40 ~~the debtor not earlier than the date of the last payment made~~
41 ~~under the plan or the date of the filing of a motion for entry of~~
42 ~~a discharge under §§ 1141(d)(5)(B), 1228(b), or 1328(b). In~~
43 a voluntary case, the documents required by paragraphs (A),
44 (C), and (D) of subdivision (b)(3) shall be filed with the
45 petition. Unless the court orders otherwise, if the debtor has
46 filed a statement under subdivision (b)(3)(B), the documents
47 required by subdivision (b)(3)(A) shall be filed within 15 days

48 of the order for relief. In a chapter 7 case, the debtor shall file
49 the statement required by subdivision (b)(7) within 45 days
50 after the first date set for the meeting of creditors under § 341
51 of the Code, and in a chapter 13 case no later than the date
52 when the last payment was made by the debtor as required by
53 the plan or the filing of a motion for a discharge under
54 § 1328(b). The debtor shall file the statement required by
55 subdivision (b)(8) no earlier than the date of the last payment
56 made under the plan or the date of the filing of a motion for
57 a discharge under §§ 1141(d)(5)(B), 1228(b), or 1328(b) of
58 the Code. Lists, schedules, statements, and other documents
59 filed prior to the conversion of a case to another chapter shall
60 be deemed filed in the converted case unless the court directs
61 otherwise. Except as provided in § 1116(3), any extension of
62 time for the filing of the schedules, statements, and other
63 documents required under this rule may be granted only on
64 motion for cause shown and on notice to the United States
65 trustee, ~~and to~~ any committee elected under § 705 or

66 appointed under § 1102 of the Code, trustee, examiner, or
67 other party as the court may direct. Notice of an extension
68 shall be given to the United States trustee and to any
69 committee, trustee, or other party as the court may direct.

COMMITTEE NOTE

Subdivision (b)(3) of the rule is amended to require the debtor to file an Official Form relating to the credit counseling requirement provided by the 2005 amendments to § 109. Official Form 1 includes statements that warn the debtor of the consequences of failing to comply with the credit counseling requirement. The rule also provides that the debtor may file a statement that the debtor has received credit counseling but has not yet received a certificate from the credit counseling provider. Subdivision (c) is amended to permit the debtor to file the certificate and debt repayment plan within 15 days after the filing of the petition if a Rule 1007(b)(3)(B) statement is filed.

Other changes are stylistic.

Official Form 1 (10/06)

United States Bankruptcy Court
DISTRICT OF

Voluntary Petition

Name of Debtor (if individual, enter last, first, middle):	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (last, first, middle):
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):	All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):	Last four digits of Soc. Sec., Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):
Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): ZIP CODE	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): ZIP CODE
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): ZIP CODE	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): ZIP CODE

Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):
ZIP CODE

Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)	Nature of Business (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable.) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code).	Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding Nature of Debts (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts
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Filing Fee (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.	Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2 million Check all applicable boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
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Statistical/Administrative Information <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.	THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY																				
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Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case.)</i>	Name of Debtor(s):
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All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet.)

Location Where Filed:	Case Number:	Date Filed:
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Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet.)

Name of Debtor:	Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:	Relationship:	Judge:

Exhibit A

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)

Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.

Exhibit B

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

X _____
 Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date)

Exhibit C

Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?

- Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.
 No.

Exhibit D

(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)

Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

If this is a joint petition:

Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.

Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue
 (Check any applicable box.)

- Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.
 There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.
 Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding (in a federal or state court) in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.

Statement by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property
 (Check all applicable boxes.)

Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)

 (Name of landlord that obtained judgment)

 (Address of landlord)

- Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and
 Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case.)

Name of Debtor(s):

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Debtor

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (if not represented by attorney)

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached.

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X _____
(Signature of Foreign Representative)

(Printed Name of Foreign Representative)

Date

Signature of Attorney

X _____
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Firm Name

Address

Telephone Number

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19B is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X _____

Date

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual.

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests the relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

_____ District of _____

In re _____
Debtor(s)

Case No. _____
(if known)

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

1. Within the 180 days before the filing of my bankruptcy case, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

2. Within the 180 days before the filing of my bankruptcy case, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

Official Form 1, Exh. D (10/06) – Cont.

3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]* *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]* _____

If the court is satisfied with the reasons stated in your motion, it will send you an order approving your request. You must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy case and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the briefing, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. A motion for extension must be filed within the 30-day period. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. If the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing, your case may be dismissed.

4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.]* *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

Active military duty in a military combat zone.

5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: _____

Date: _____

SERVICE LIST

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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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United States Bankruptcy Judge

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