

DISTRICT-WIDE STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

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During the last quarter, the District-Wide Steering Committee spent a significant amount of time advising and recommending substantive and procedural changes to the Uniform Chapter 13 Debtor Duty Order to ensure uniformity across the district. The new order, which incorporates a significant amount of recommendations, has been approved and is currently being utilized across the District in all Chapter 13 cases.

The District-Wide Steering Committee is currently planning for the Fourth Annual Bench Bar Conference, which is set for November 4, 2015, in Tampa, Florida. The Bench Bar Conference was created to provide a forum for the Judges, United States Trustee's Office, Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Trustees, and practicing bankruptcy attorneys to exchange and implement new ideas affecting the Middle District. Specifically, the Steering Committee is assembling a panel of practitioners who represent debtors, creditors, the United States Trustee and Chapter 7 Trustees to discuss issues involving all aspects of bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings to improve the procedural requirements and ease the administration of such cases.

If you have any immediate questions regarding the Steering Committee or for its members, please contact Elena Ketchum at eketchum@srbp.com.