

## **Major Updates to Bankruptcy Official Forms – Effective December 1, 2015**

On December 1, 2015, significant updates to the Official Bankruptcy Forms will go into effect. The forms update includes a complete renumbering of all Official Bankruptcy Forms, and significant redesign of many of the forms. Some additional noteworthy highlights are:

- New separate and distinct petition forms for an individual and a non-individual filing a voluntary case.
- New separate and distinct petition forms for an individual and a non-individual filing an involuntary case.
- Schedules A and B are combined into one form.
- Schedules E and F are combined into one form.
- New separate and distinct schedules and statements for an individual and a non-individual filing a voluntary case.

Use of the updated forms is required beginning December 1, 2015. To be prepared for this significant transition, bankruptcy practitioners and bankruptcy petition preparers are encouraged to:

- Review the updated Official Forms and accompanying Committee Notes on the U.S. Courts website at [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov).
- Prepare to have any cases filed using the current forms filed no later than November 30, 2015 and to use the updated forms on cases filed on December 1, 2015 and after.
- Complete updates from your petition preparation software provider to ensure use of the updated forms by the appropriate date.

The Court is aware that at least two software vendors (EZ-Filing Software and New Hope Software, Inc.), because of the large scale updates, have discontinued support of their products as of November 30, 2015. We encourage those who use petition preparation software to act now and contact their software providers to ensure their software will be updated to comply the form changes, and if not, to consider alternatives to be prepared to use the updated forms on December 1, 2015.