



FLMB NEWSLETTER

United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Florida
Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tampa/Ft. Myers Divisions

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Court serves the public by processing and deciding bankruptcy cases with fairness, impartiality, and excellence, while treating everyone with dignity, integrity, and respect.

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SHARING THE VISION—THINKING DISTRICT WIDE By Chief Judge Karen S. Jennemann

A Chief Judge really is more aptly called the Chief Cheerleader. I plan to use my time as Chief Judge to challenge all of us to expand our thinking—to **Think District Wide**. Working together, we can emerge from our divisional cocoons and imagine a sounder Court that better serves our staff, our lawyers, and our litigants.

I have traveled the district sharing my vision. I have received very positive feedback from staff, from the judges, and from the bar. I now want to summarize my vision with those who could not attend one of the gatherings.

I see a unified district with simple, integrated rules, procedures, and forms so staff, attorneys, and pro se filers can easily follow the guidelines. I call these modules. This is the first and most important goal.

I see a work force engaged in meaningful work where they look forward to coming to the office and still have time to breathe and work on important

but not urgent projects.

I see a staff that feels rewarded, appreciated and happy, where they take real vacations and have fun at work, and where they know they made a difference in someone's life every day.

I see litigants, particularly debtors, paying less for more competent, well trained lawyers.

I see lawyers eager to volunteer for pro bono work and to work on the Court's projects because they also feel engaged and appreciated and because they love this Court as much as us.

I see our judges doing what we each uniquely and individually love to do best, whether it is writing academic opinions, sitting in court, or being public ambassadors to all of the groups related to our Court.

I see us looking on challenges as opportunities and, regardless of what problems or budgetary woes are thrown our way, to handle the problem with aplomb and competence.

One of the steps along this journey is this quarterly newsletter. From here on out, you can expect a newsletter on April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. We will keep everyone informed of our progress. I encourage anyone with news to send it to me for inclusion in a future edition.

Even more, I invite all of us to "think district wide."

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

Please send suggestions for a great name for the future editions of our Court's newsletter to Cindy Courtney at cindy_courtney@flmb.uscourts.gov.

CHIEF JUDGE JENNEMANN'S OPEN DOOR HOURS

As part of our Court's goal to improve communication across the district, I plan to visit our three larger divisions every quarter. I invite anyone who has an idea, suggestion, or question to visit me directly during my visits. I extend this invitation to every staff person at the Court and to every member of our external "family", whether they be attorneys, trustees, accountants, or anyone else who frequents our Court.

All communications are confidential, unless I ask and you agree otherwise. No appointments are needed, but I certainly recognize the value of your time and will be glad to reserve time upon request.

Listed below are my upcoming Open Door Hours. If these times are not convenient, just call (407)648-6832 or e-mail me (karen_jennemann@flmb.uscourts.gov):

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

APRIL 2, 2012
2:00—4:00 PM

FOURTH FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM

ORLANDO DIVISION

APRIL 16, 2012
2:00—4:00 PM

FIFTH FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM ACROSS
FROM COURTROOM A

TAMPA DIVISION

APRIL 24, 2012
2:00—4:00 PM

EIGHTH FLOOR
ATTORNEY CONFERENCE
ROOM—COURTROOM 8A

DISTRICT WIDE STEERING COMMITTEE

By Chief Judge Karen Jennemann

As we start the process of thinking "district wide," I realized we need one small group who represents the interests of the bankruptcy bar associations and trustee groups across the district. I call it a "steering committee". The group is for sharing information, not decision making. I hope they will "steer" us to a more unified future.

The initial task of the Steering Committee is to plan the Bench Bar Conference that will occur this year on November 7, 2012, the evening before the View from the Bench in Tampa. I expect however the role of the Steering Committee to evolve as we make progress on our journey to having one set of procedures, district wide.

My hope is that the Steering Committee becomes the forum for local groups to raise issues for consideration by the judges and by other divisions. I encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas directly with anyone on the Committee.

Here are the members of our inaugural district wide steering committee:

Robert Edward Tardif, Jr.
(SWFPBA—Ft. Myers)

Elena P. Ketchum
(Tampa Bay Bankruptcy
Bar Association)

Jerrett M. McConnell
(Jacksonville Bankruptcy
Bar Association)

Robert B. Branson
(OCBA-Bankruptcy Committee)

Denise Dell-Powell
(Central Florida Bankruptcy
Law Association)

Charles R. Sterbach
(Ass't US Trustee—Orlando)

Douglas W. Neway
(Ch 13 Trustee—Jacksonville)

Bethann Scharrer
(Ch 7 Trustee—Tampa)

A Letter from the Law Clerks:

Becoming a Better Client Advocate from Our Perspective

By: Ann Kathan, Rebeca Malave, Megan Murray, and Kristina Szurkus

At a recent seminar in Orlando, the law clerks from Judge Jennemann and Judge Briskman's chambers were given the rare opportunity to give practice tips to attorneys on how to become better client advocates. Considered a court's "gatekeepers," law clerks are the first to review pleadings, proposed orders, and other submissions. In addition to researching substantive issues and helping judges with decisions, law clerks also ensure that submissions comply with technical requirements.

You can assist the judges, clerks, and chambers staff in their work, and speed your case along, by following a few simple rules:

- Whether you are drafting a brief or addressing the Court in a hearing, tell the Court exactly what you seek to accomplish. Identify the specific section under which you seek relief.
- Proposed orders should contain specific factual findings and legal conclusions.
- Do not forget to include the hearing date and docket number in proposed orders. This information allows the Court's staff to retrieve the record of the ruling quickly and minimizes delays in entering the orders.
- Get to know the different bankruptcy judges' styles and preferences. Resources are out there to assist in this process.
- For substantive matters, the best resource is probably the Court's website where all past orders and opinions are posted. Find out how a judge has ruled on a particular issue in the past.
- For technical requirements, know each judge's preferences for procedures such as submitting proposed orders and requesting telephonic appearances. Even though Chief Judge Jennemann is making great strides in enacting district-wide procedures, this effort will take some time. Know each judge's preferences in the mean time.
- Clearly present to the Court controlling and persuasive case law. Law from the Supreme Court and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals is binding on the bankruptcy courts—be sure to start your research there for federal issues. Pleadings also are required to alert the Court to binding negative authority.
- Be mindful of *ex parte* communications when you communicate with the Court. Internal staff members, especially law clerks, work closely with judges to issue opinions, and therefore cannot engage in substantive discussions about a case. They can help you with procedural issues. Case managers and courtroom deputies also are extremely helpful in answering procedural questions when they arise.
- Court time is precious. If you settle or for some reason or do not need all the time scheduled, please notify the courtroom deputy.
- Follow the Court's instructions for submitting evidentiary material such as exhibits, and provide four copies to the Court (one for the judge, the law clerk, the witness, and the record).
- Our district is one of the busiest bankruptcy districts in the country. Rest assured we are working on your matter. Please be patient and respect Court resources.

Getting to know the Court is the first step to improving your practice and becoming a better advocate. Judges in the Middle District recognize this and each maintains an extensive website to help parties navigate the court system. Another excellent resource for practitioners are the bankruptcy bar associations. Seek out a mentor who can answer your questions and improve your advocacy skills.

We hope you find these tips helpful in your practice. The best client advocates are resourceful and well prepared. After all, if you don't have time to do it right the first time, when are you going to have time to do it again?

GOT A MINUTE?

Effective time management is a primary means to a less stressful life. These practices can help you reduce your stress and reclaim your personal life.

Do you find yourself overwhelmed by the number and complexity of projects you have that need to be completed at work each day?

Do you often feel the day flies by without your devoting the necessary attention to each assignment because other tasks keep landing on your desk, co-workers interrupt you with questions or you can't get it all organized?

You probably know that effective time management will help you get more done each day. It has important health benefits, too. By managing your time more wisely, you can minimize stress and improve your quality of life.

But how do you get back on track when organizational skills don't come naturally? To get started, choose one of these strategies, try it for two to four weeks and see if it helps. If it does, consider adding another one. If not, try a different one.

Plan each day. Planning your day can help you accomplish more and feel more in control

of your life. Write a to-do list, putting the most important tasks at the top. Keep a schedule of your daily activities to minimize conflicts and last-minute rushes.

Prioritize your tasks. Time-consuming but relatively unimportant tasks can consume a lot of your day. Prioritizing tasks will ensure that you spend your time and energy on those that are truly important to you.

Say no to nonessential tasks. Consider your goals and schedule before agreeing to take on additional work.

(From Mayo Clinic website: www.mayoclinic.com/health/time-management)



DEAR POINT AND CLICK

Q: What training is available to use the Bankruptcy Court's electronic filing system known as CM/ECF?

A: Currently CM/ECF training is available through an in-house training course taught by Clerk's Office Staff. You can click on the following link <http://pacer.flmb.uscourts.gov/cmecf/registration.htm> to register for a class. Also, an online course is in development to replace the in-house training. It will be available on a 24-7 basis and will include training modules for creditor attorneys, debtor attorneys and those attorneys who just need limited access to file notices of appearance, proofs of claim, transfer of claim and other claim related matters. An announcement will be made soon on the availability of the online course.

PRACTICE REMINDERS:

EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY! HOW TO GET AN EMERGENCY HEARING

When filing an emergency motion with the Court, attorneys should always use the Emergency Matters-Electronic Case Filing Notification form available on the Court's website at:

<http://pacer.flmb.uscourts.gov/cmecf/emergency.asp>.

This form can be accessed from the home page by clicking on "Information/Resources" at the top right, then selecting

"Emergency Filings/Matters/Motions" under the "Popular/Often Used" heading. When this form is submitted, it immediately generates an email to the Judge's entire case management team (including supervisors) and to all chambers staff. This allows staff to respond quickly to the request for an emergency hearing.

Using this form is more efficient than calling or emailing the courtroom deputy or case manager because courtroom deputies are often in the courtroom all day and case managers may not always be available. Once the online form is submitted, a notice goes out to court staff who will be able to notify the Judge as soon as possible.

WELLNESS SUPPORT

AVOID NECK AND BACK PAIN AT THE COMPUTER

(from *Parade Magazine* January 22, 2012)

Dr. David Rempel, professor of occupational medicine at UC San Francisco, on setting up an ergonomically correct workstation

1. Make sure your chair has comfortable back and arm support. Adjust the height so that your feet are flat on the floor, you have legroom to spare, and your eyes line up with the top of your monitor (the screen should be a bit lower if you wear bifocals).
2. Position the screen an arm's length away, avoiding glare from windows and lights. The keyboard should be at elbow height and the keys easy to press. Use the desk or armrests to support your forearms.
3. Keep the mouse close to the keyboard. To avoid dragging, which can lead to arm pain, clean the roller ball regularly; for some, a mouse pad may help.
4. Check your posture. Relax the muscles in your forearms, shoulders, and neck by sitting straight up or leaning back in your chair. Stand up and stretch every 20 minutes.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DISCOUNTS ON HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

New for 2012, for those with a Service Benefit Plan, BCBS now offers discounts on health club memberships. You pay a \$25 initiation fee and \$25 monthly for unlimited visits to over 9,000 fitness facilities nationwide. You are not limited to a specific facility. You can pay via credit card, debit card or check, and the discounts are available if you prepay for 3, 6, or 12 months. For more information, contact BCBS.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD—PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

Calling for pro bono volunteers! The Court has a Legal Assistance Program to benefit low-income litigants involved in certain types of adversary proceedings. If you are interested in volunteering, the sign-up form can be found on our website:

<http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/legalassistance/documents/volunteerform.pdf>.

Remember your oath of admission. Good by-products of pro bono representation include getting trial experience for younger lawyers and keeping the Court's hearing calendar from running behind (which can occur if pro se litigants are unfamiliar with Court procedures and rules of evidence).

LOCAL RULES UPDATE**By Chief Judge Karen S. Jennemann**

On behalf of all of the Judges in the district, I would like to thank Judge K. Rodney May who guided the current and former members of our Local Rules Advisory Committee over the last several years. They worked hard drafting several new local rules. Their service to our district is greatly appreciated.

Judge Caryl Delano now is our liaison judge working with the Local Rules Advisory Committee. They are reviewing all of our local rules and just finished the lengthy process of adopting several rules suggested by the committee. Thank you to Judge Delano for taking on this project and to the new members of the committee for their valuable input.

Here are our newest local rules effective March 15, 2012:

- L.R. 1007-1 **Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other Required Documents**
(incorporates existing administrative order regarding Payment Advices)
- L.R. 1015-1 **Joint Administration of Cases**
(establishes procedures for joint administration)
- L.R. 2002-1 **Notice to Creditors and Other Interested Parties**
(incorporates administrative order regarding returned mail)
- L.R. 2015-1 **Trustee Expenditures**
(authorizes expenditures up to \$500 without court order)
- L.R. 2015-3 **Chapter 7 Trustees – Notice of Disposition of Records**
(amended to cover medical patient records)
- L.R. 2016-1 **Compensation of Professionals**
(new rule establishes procedures for fee applications)
- L.R. 2081-1 **Chapter 11 – General**
(incorporates administrative order)
- L.R. 3002-1 **Time for Filing Proofs of Claim in Reinstated Cases**
(new rule extends deadline if bar date has not passed prior to dismissal)
- L.R. 5001-2 **Clerk’s Office Location, Hours and Procedures for Emergency or Time Sensitive Filings**
(incorporates existing rule 5001-1 and administrative order on after hours filing procedures, permits the next day filing of “original document” via CM/ECF)
- L.R. 9070-1 **Exhibits**
(incorporates administrative orders and establishes new procedures to facilitate electronic scanning of exhibits)

ALL TECH—ALL THE TIME**CM/ECF 4.2 - New Security Password Prompt**

A new feature of the CM/ECF 4.2 system is increased password security. Minimum password lengths are 8 characters with one special character included. This feature was delayed until after the upgrade to reduce user confusion about the extra password prompts. An email to all external users will be sent describing this new feature in detail and the effective date of the extra security. For detailed information please click on the hyperlink below.

https://pacer.flmb.uscourts.gov/news/password_security.pdf

Chapter 11 E-Ballots

A new feature will be available on the court's web site that will allow both CM/ECF users and non-CM/ECF users to file ballots in chapter 11 cases electronically. To use the system just enter the chapter 11 case number and a few other pieces of information along with any signed ballot form attachment and press submit.

Your ballot will be time stamped and instantly added to the record for review by the plan proponent. A tabulation summary report will also be available to both CM/ECF and non-CM/ECF users displaying the ballot information and allowing basic search criteria. The new program will be available starting on February 6, 2012. An announcement will be posted on the court's web with detail information on how to use the program. Electronic filers will be allowed to file ballots using the website program or using CM/ECF.

Online Training Modules and Registration E-Training

This new on-line program provides immediate, 24 hour access to the training required for certification to qualify for electronic filing privileges in this Court. The course can be accessed and completed from your office or home computer and can be completed at any time, over several days. In addition, the on-line availability of the training material, provides the opportunity for immediate new staff training and on going refresher training.

This program is being developed and tested in coordination with the Bar and the Clerk's office. Staff are currently upgrading the program based on the feedback received by the testers. Program should be made available soon.

PACER Fee Increase

Effective April 1, 2012, the Electronic Public Access fee will increase from \$.08 to \$.10 per page. The quarterly exemption will be raised from \$.10 to \$.15. Implementation of the fee increase for local, state, and federal agencies will be suspended for three years.

341 Notices

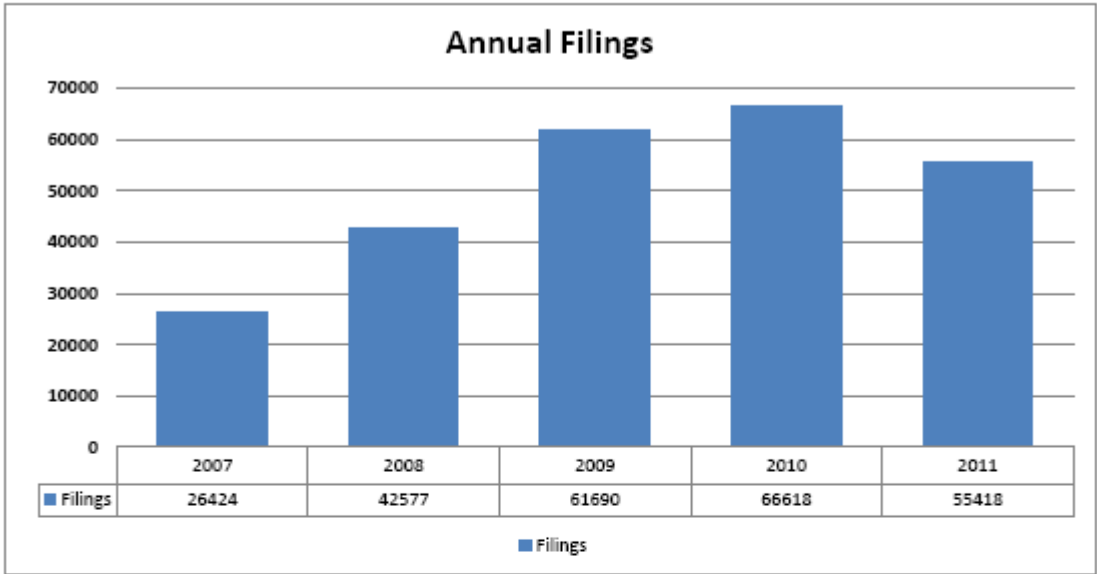
Electronic users will no longer receive paper 341 notices through the mail. On December 5, 2011, the Court converted to an updated version of CM/ECF that allows BNC to send electronic users an email containing a secure hyperlink to an unredacted 341 meeting notice containing the debtor's full social security number.

NEW INITIATIVE FOR CLERK'S OFFICE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**HOSTED BY THE JACKSONVILLE BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION**

On February 22, 2012, the JBBA hosted the annual Clerk's Appreciation Luncheon at the Duval County Main Library. In keeping with Chief Judge Jennemann's challenge to increase and improve collegiality and communication with fellow attorneys, other divisions, and the Clerk's Office, the JBBA began a new initiative at this year's luncheon where an attorney contacted each of the 30 members of the Clerk's Office and then introduced them with short remarks at the luncheon. One attorney, Gordon Jones, even dressed in a tuxedo to escort his staff guest to the luncheon. Attorneys got to know more about the clerk employees, and every staff member truly felt special and appreciated. Thank you to JBBA for such a simple but great idea.

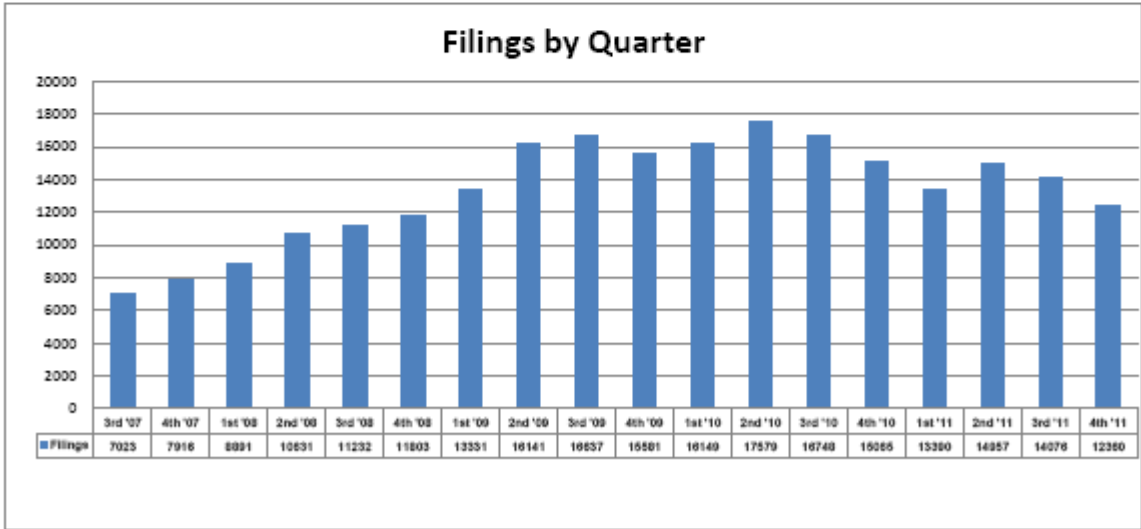
**QUARTERLY STATISTICS FOR THE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

United States Bankruptcy Court - Middle District of Florida
Updated January 27, 2012 Meeting Data and Information
Statistics as of December 31, 2011

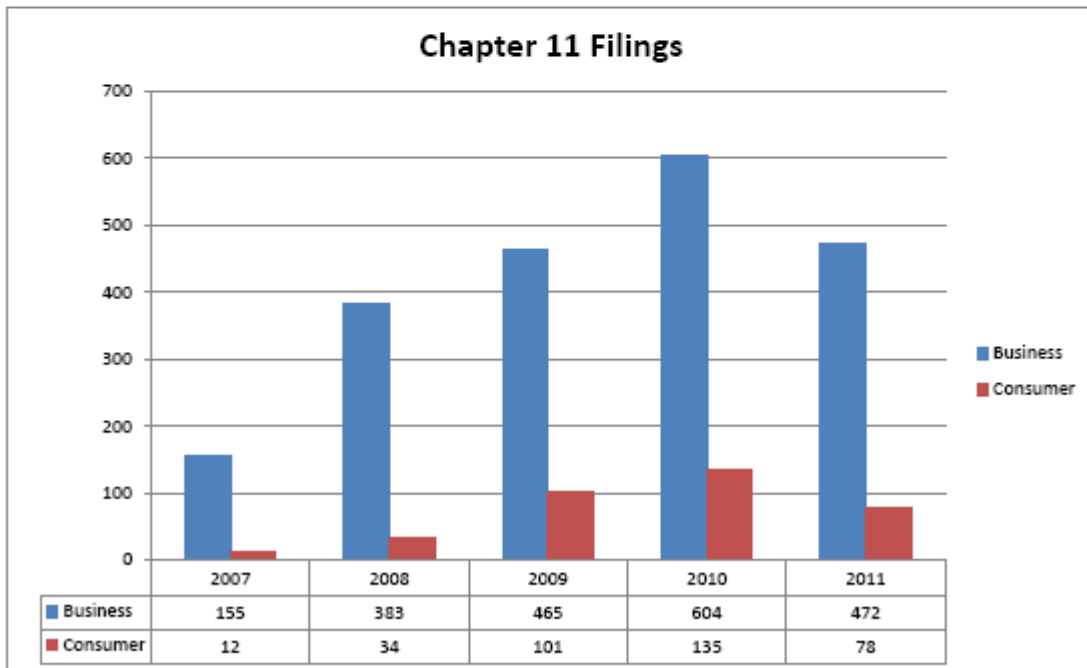
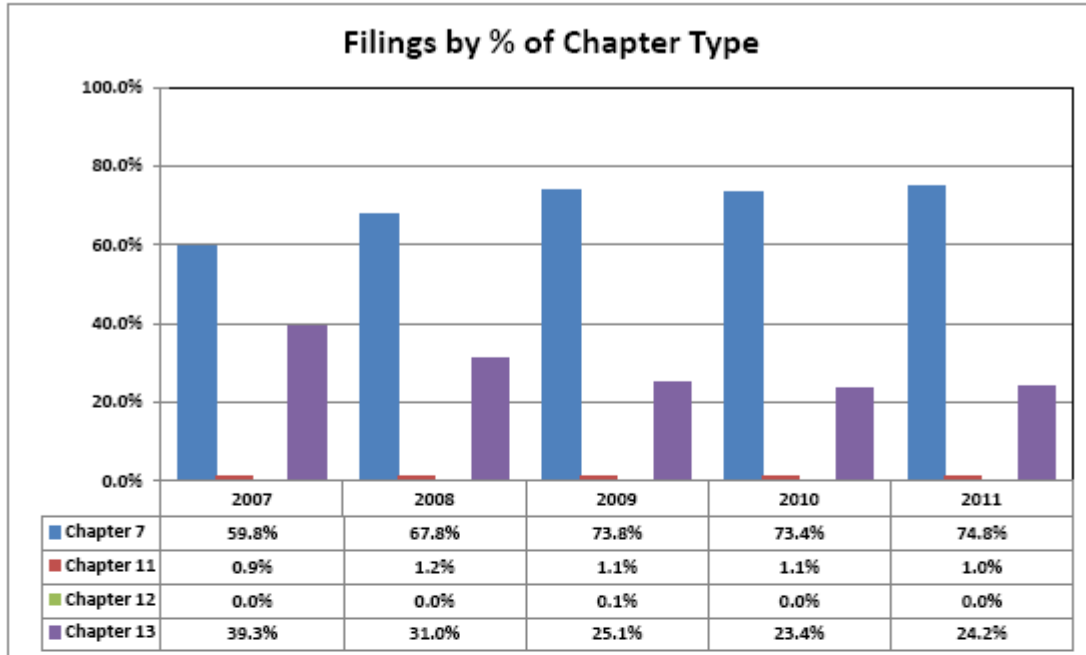


Year	Annual Filings	vs. 2007	vs. Prior Yr.
2007	26424		
2008	42577	61%	-76%
2009	61690	133%	45%
2010	66618	152%	8%
*2011	55418	110%	-17%

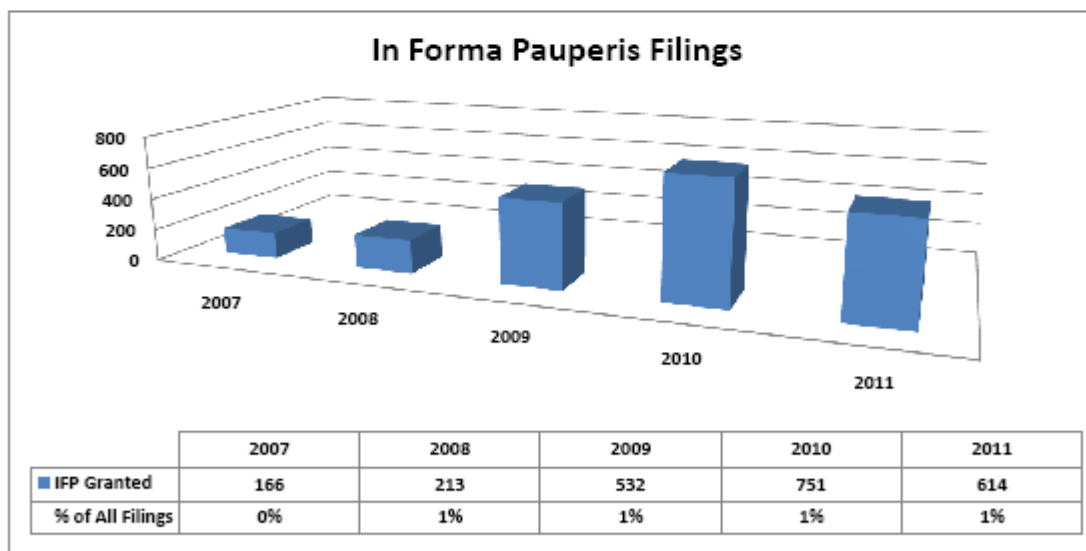
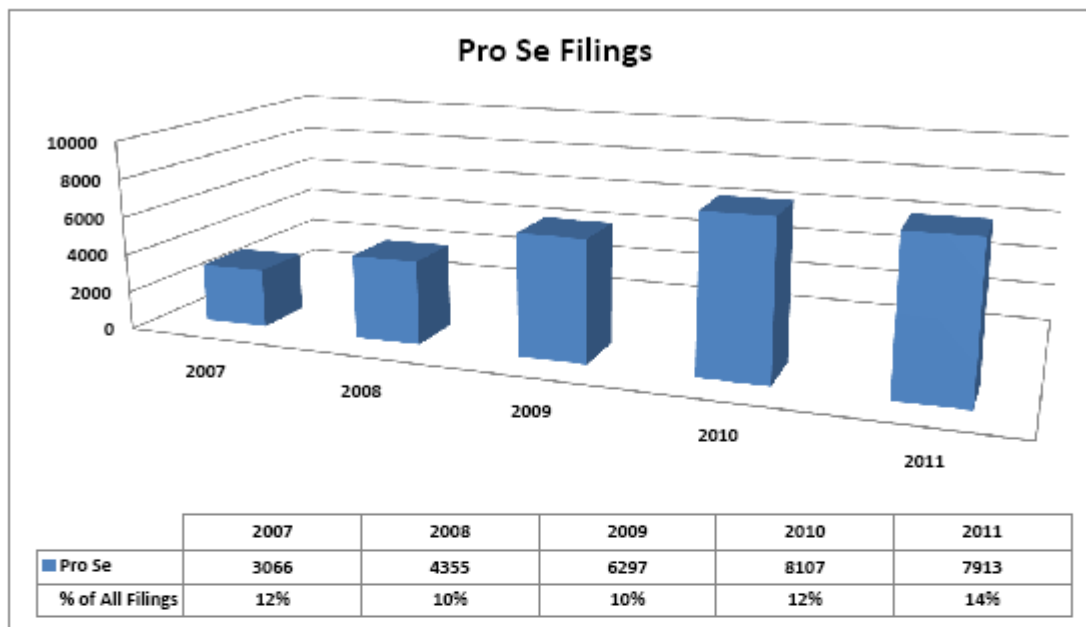
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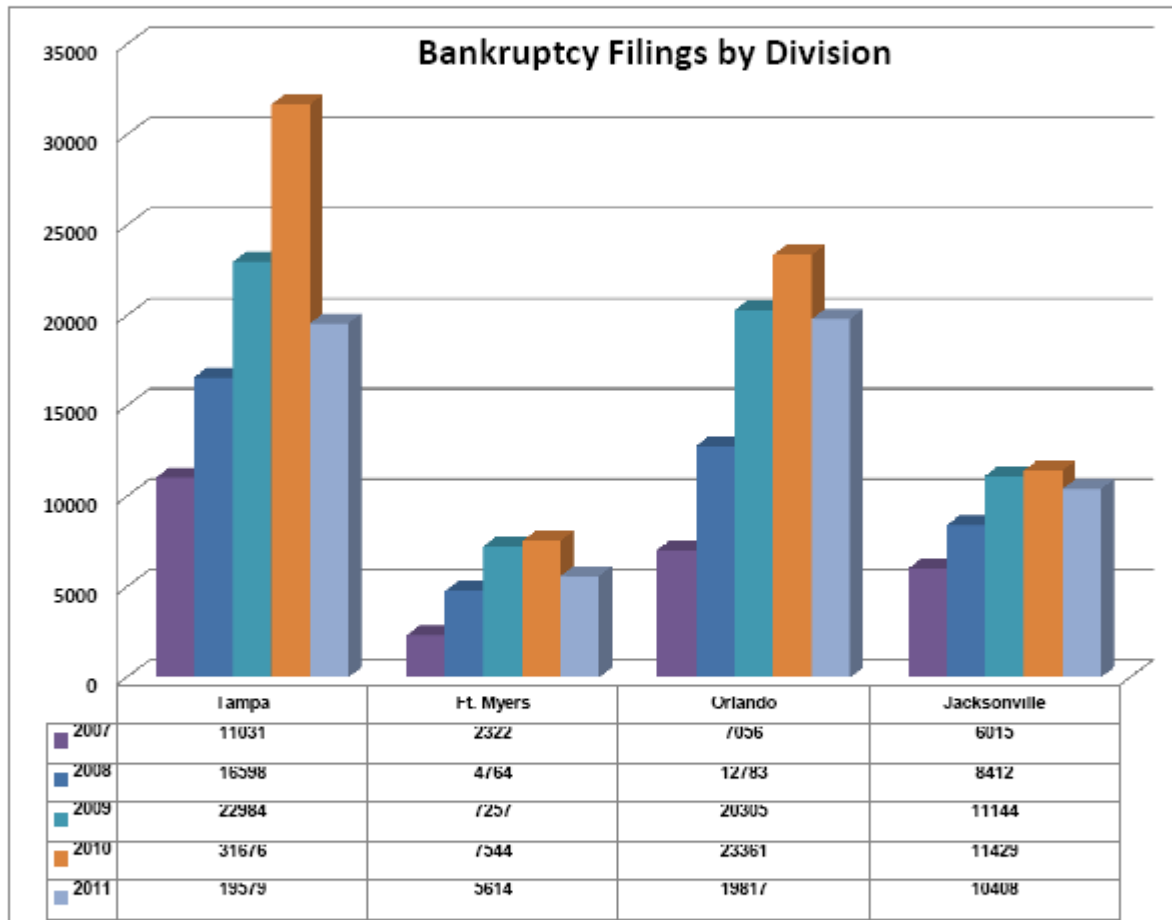
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**QUARTERLY STATISTICS FOR THE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA (Continued)**



PERMISSIVE USE OF NEGATIVE NOTICE

Effective March 1, 2012

District Wide Negative Notice List

In keeping with our vision to "Think District Wide," the judges have agreed on one district-wide list of matters parties can serve by negative notice. We encourage you to use negative notice on these matters whenever possible. Negative notice is a very efficient process to determine which matters are contested. Use of negative notice also saves everyone time and your clients' money.

Negative notice, however, is never appropriate for emergency matters.

Also, remember to check the number of days to include in the legend. You must provide at least 21 days for responses unless the list provides otherwise. Check Local Rule 2002-4 for more details on how negative notice works in our district.

Take use of this now one-stop spot to look for which matters you can serve by negative notice. Please send us suggestions for other matters to include on our permissive negative notice list in the future.

Application to Employ/Retain Professional

Interim Application for Payment of Administrative Expenses (Chapter 7)

Motion for Relief from Stay (Chapter 7)

Motion for Relief from Stay (Chapter 11) - (If plan surrenders)(Service to 1007-2 Parties In Interest list required)

Motion for Relief from Stay (Chapter 13) (Against co-debtor or debtor only (i) if plan surrenders property, or (ii) payments are made outside plan)

Motion for Turnover of Property (Chapter 7 Trustee) (30 day notice required)

Motion to Administratively Close Individual Ch 11 Case

Motion to Approve Agreements Relating to Relief from Stay, Prohibiting or Conditioning the Use, Sale or Lease of Property, Providing Adequate Protection, Use of Cash Collateral and Obtaining Credit pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001(d) (14 day notice allowed)

Motion to Approve Ch 7 Trustee's or Attorney's App for Quantum Meruit Compensation

Motion to Approve Compromise or Settlement

Motion to Assume Lease/Executory Contract

Motion to Avoid Lien

Motion to Determine Secured Status /Value Property (30 day notice required) (Chapter 7 & 13 only)

Motion to Determine Secured Status and to Strip Lien (30 day notice required) (Chapter 13 only)

Motion to Modify Chapter 13 Confirmed Plan (***Except in Tampa and Ft. Myers***)

Motion to Modify Mortgage

Motion to Redeem

Motion to Sell or Lease Property (***Except Ch 11***)

Motion/Notice to Compel Abandonment

Objection to Claim (30 day notice required)

Objection to Exemptions (On objections relating **solely** to the value of the property claimed as exempt and **except in Jacksonville**, the Court will enter an order sustaining the objection without a hearing. Other objections may be filed on negative notice.)

Trustee's Motion to Determine Property is of Consequential/Inconsequential Value to Estate

Trustee's Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Attend 341 Meeting

Trustee's Motion to Sell 1st Mortgage Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Ch 13

* * *HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MIDDLE DISTRICT* * *

FT. MYERS

February 23 @ noon	State of the District – Chief Judge Karen S. Jennemann
March 2	Opening Ceremony for Historical Exhibit in Courthouse
March 22 @ noon	SWFPBA Monthly Luncheon
May 10 @ noon	SWFPBA Monthly Luncheon
June 7 @ noon	SWFPBA Monthly Luncheon

JACKSONVILLE

February 22 @ noon	JBBA Clerk's Office Appreciation Luncheon
February 23	JBBA Bankruptcy Bootcamp – Mortgage Modification and Mediation
March 28 @ noon	JBBA Luncheon – River Club (Charles McBurney speaking) (future luncheon dates to be announced)
April 2 @ 2-4pm	Open Door Hours with Chief Judge Jennemann (4 th Floor Conference Room)
October 12	JBBA Annual Seminar (Location to be determined)

ORLANDO

February 24 @ noon	OCBA-Bankruptcy Committee Luncheon (Speaker: Attorney Larry Heinkel on Dischargeability and Treatment of Taxes in Bankruptcy and non-Bankruptcy Options)
March 15 @ noon	CFBLA Luncheon (Speaker: AUST Charles Sterbach on USTP Mission, Priorities and Guidelines)
March 30 @ noon	OCBA – Bankruptcy Committee Luncheon
April 16 @ 2-4pm	Open Door Hours with Chief Judge Jennemann (5 th Floor Conference Room by Courtroom A)
April 19 @ noon	CFBLA Luncheon
April 20 @ noon	OCBA – Bankruptcy Committee Presenting Bank Brown Bag Luncheon
May 17 @ noon	CFBLA Luncheon
May 25 @ noon	OCBA – Bankruptcy Committee Luncheon

TAMPA

March 6 @ 5:30pm	TBBBA Board Meeting @ SRBP
March 6 @ noon	Consumer Brown Bag Luncheon
March 7 @ 5:30pm	TBBBA Judicial Liaison Committee Meeting – Chapter 11
March 11-12	TBBBA - CARE at University of Tampa
March 13 @ noon	TBBBA Luncheon – Individual Chapter 11 Cases
March 22 @	TBBBA Happy Hour - CARE & possibly Law Day at Court (law school students)
April 3 @ 5:30pm	TBBBA Board Meeting @ SRBP
April 3 @ noon	Consumer Brown Bag Luncheon
April 10 @ noon	TBBBA Luncheon
April 24 @ 2-4pm	Open Door Hours with Chief Judge Jennemann (8 th Floor Conference Room by Courtroom 8A)
May 1 @ 5:30pm	TBBBA Board Meeting @ SRBP
May 1 @ noon	Consumer Brown Bag Luncheon
May 4	TBBBA Golf Tournament
May 8 @ noon	TBBBA Luncheon
May 15 @ 5:30pm	Judicial Liaison Committee Meeting – Chapter 7
May 29 @ noon	Judicial Liaison Committee Meeting
June 5 @ 5:30pm	TBBBA Board Meeting @ SRBP
June 7	TBBBA Annual Dinner (Installation of Board)
June 11 @ noon	Judges' Quarterly Brown Bag Mentoring Program for Lawyers New to Bankruptcy (Bankruptcy 101-a very basic presentation for those not already familiar with bankruptcy) (Courthouse-5th Floor training room)
September 12 @ noon	Judges' Quarterly Brown Bag Mentoring Program for Lawyers New to Bankruptcy (Nuances of Various Stay Relief Weaponry: Sometimes You Don't Need an Elephant Gun) (Courthouse-5th Floor training room)
November 8	View from the Bench (November 9th-Miami)
November 28 @ noon	Judges' Quarterly Brown Bag Mentoring Program for Lawyers New to Bankruptcy (Hodge Podge for \$400: No Jeopardy if you Follow Best Practices) (Courthouse-5th Floor training room)

****HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MIDDLE DISTRICT****
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OTHER

IMPORTANT DATES

March 15-17	Annual Alexander L. Paskay Seminar on Bankruptcy Law and Practice – Hyatt Regency Tampa, Tampa, FL
March 22-24	SBLI Annual Seminar on Bankruptcy Law and Rules – Atlanta, Georgia
April 19-22	ABI Annual Spring Meeting – Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee, FL
June 20-23	Annual Florida Bar Convention – Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee, FL
June 21 @ noon	Florida Bar Judicial Luncheon – Chief Justice Charles T. Canady to present State of the Judiciary message and well-recognized legal humorist, Fred Knipe, will join as special guest
July 25-28	ABI Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop – Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, FL
October 24-27	NCBJ – Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA
October 25-26	Middle District of Florida's 50th Anniversary Gala
November 7	Middle District Bench Bar Conference
November 8	View from the Bench – Tampa
November 9	View from the Bench – Miami

United States Bankruptcy Court

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“Call for submissions”

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