

What's New?

Proposed Revisions to Administrative Order Governing Procedures in Chapter 13 Cases, Model Plan, and Order Confirming Plan for Public Comment

The Middle District of Florida is in the process of revising the Administrative Order Governing Procedures in Chapter 13 Cases, the Model Plan, and the Order Confirming Plan. Comments are due by November 20, 2023. Attorneys and parties who appear before the Court are encouraged to review the proposed revisions. The Court appreciates all comments and will consider them prior to the December 1, 2023 effective date of the revisions. [Click here](#) for the full announcement and links to the proposed amendments and comment form.

Court Terminates COVID-Related Temporary Suspension of Attorneys' Obligation to Obtain Original Client Signatures Prior to Filing Signed Papers

The Court has entered Administrative Order FLMB-2023-2, which vacates Administrative Order FLMB-2020-4 and reinstates attorneys' obligations to obtain their clients' original signatures prior to filing petitions and other papers via CM/ECF. Effective October 1, 2023, compliance with Local Rule 1001-2(g)(2) and (h) is required. [Click here](#) to view Administrative Order FLMB-2023-2.

Amended Order Establishing Presumptively Reasonable Debtor's Attorney's Fees In Tampa And Fort Myers Chapter 13 Cases

The judges of the Tampa and Fort Myers Divisions entered an Amended Order Establishing Presumptively Reasonable Debtor's Attorney's Fees in Chapter 13 Cases. [Click here](#) to view the Amended Order.

Revisions to Local Rules Effective August 1, 2023

Revisions to the Middle District of Florida's Local Rules were effective August 1, 2023. [Click here](#) to view a memorandum from Judge Lori V. Vaughan summarizing the changes.

Revision to Negative Notice List (Motions for Relief from Codebtor Stay)

Local Rule 4001-1(c)(2)(C) clarifies procedures for filing motions for relief from the codebtor stay in Chapter 12 and 13 cases. The Court's Negative Notice List has been updated to add the following motions in Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 cases:

- Motion for Relief from Codebtor Stay as to Codebtor Only
- Combined Motion for Relief from Stay as to the Debtor and Codebtor

[Click here](#) for the updated Negative Notice List.