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What's New?

Audio Recordings of Courtroom Proceedings

Digital audio recordings of courtroom proceedings are now available to order on flash drives. The fee for one flash drive is \$34. The link to The Source's updated page on procedures for requesting audio recordings, including the link to the request form, is <u>Audio Recording Requests - How to Request Audio of a Courtroom Proceeding | U.S.</u> <u>Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida (uscourts.gov)</u>.

Form Order Setting Deadline for Filing Response to Motion for Summary Judgment

Effective April 25, 2024, the Court will issue and serve an *Order Setting Deadline for Filing Response to Motion for Summary Judgment* for all summary judgment motions filed in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. The order provides that responses to summary judgment motions must be filed within 21 days of the date of the Order, unless the Court has previously set a different briefing schedule.

Please note: The Court has removed motions for summary judgment from the <u>Negative Notice List</u> and has included a comment to Local Rule 7001-1(k)(4)(F) to inform readers, pending an upcoming amendment to the rule, that motions for summary judgment are no longer eligible for negative notice.

More Updates to Negative Notice and Accompanying Orders Lists

Chapter 7 Motions for Relief from Stay:

- Motions may be served on negative notice (excluding requests for prospective relief).
- The moving party may submit an accompanying order if the debtor and Chapter 7 trustee consent, or if the trustee has filed the report of no distribution or notice of abandonment of the subject property, and the motion so states.

Chapter 13 Motions for Relief from Stay:

- Motions as to debtor may be served on negative notice (excluding requests for prospective relief).
- The moving party may submit an accompanying order if the debtor and Chapter 13 trustee consent to the relief requested.

Chapter 11 Motions for Relief from Stay:

- Motions may be served on negative notice with the consent of debtor and trustee (if any); 14-day notice for service on Unsecured Creditors' Committee.
- Moving party may submit an accompanying order if a Creditor's Committee has been appointed and the Committee, debtor, and trustee (if any) consent.

Adversary Proceedings:

- Motions related to discovery may be served on negative notice.
- The moving party may submit an accompanying order on motions to compel discovery responses if the responding party has failed to respond to a discovery request; the motion does not include a request for sanctions, waiver of objections, or deemed admissions; and the proposed order gives the respondent 14 days to produce documents or respond to the discovery request.

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For details on all these updates and move, please check the announcements page on the Court's website at: <u>Announcements & News | U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida</u> <u>(uscourts.gov)</u>.

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And always keep an eye on your inbox for emails regarding updates from the Court!