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What's New?

District Court Enters General Order Regarding Bankruptcy Appeals

On October 29, 2024, Chief District Judge Corrigan entered the Amended General Order Establishing Protocols for Processing Bankruptcy Appeals. The order vacates and supersedes the District Court's previous general orders regarding untimely bankruptcy appeals and appeals filed without payment of filing fees. A copy of the order is posted on the Administrative Orders page of The Source at <u>Administrative Orders | U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle Florida</u>.

Amendments to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure Effective December 1, 2024

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(b)(7)

The amended rule requires that the debtor provide the *certificate* of course completion <u>issued by the provider</u> of that course unless the requirement has been waived by the Court. Submission of Official Form 423 is no longer sufficient, and Official Form 423 has been abrogated.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4004(c)(1)(H) and (c)(4)
Fed. R. Bankr. P. 5009(b)
Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b), (c)
The foregoing amended rules incorporate the change to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(b)(7).

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001(a)

The amended rule creates an exception for certain turnover proceedings brought by an individual debtor under § 542(a) of the Code. An individual debtor can now proceed by motion (instead of by adversary proceeding) to require turnover from a third party of tangible personal property, e.g., an automobile or tools of a trade. The procedure of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014 *Contested Matters* will apply.

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Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8023.1(a) (new rule)

This new rule is derived from Fed. R. App. P. 43 and governs substitution of parties upon death or any other reason in appeals to the district court from a judgment, order, or decree of a bankruptcy court.

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