

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Tennessee

Tuesday November 10, 2015

To all ECF filers:

Most Official Bankruptcy Forms will be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted and renumbered versions effective **December 1, 2015**. These new forms are part of a forms modernization project that was begun by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules in 2008. Among other things, the new forms introduce different versions of case opening forms for individual debtors and non-individual debtors. The new forms are easier for debtors to understand and complete and are designed to work with scheduled enhancements to the federal courts' case opening and electronic case management system.

Some of the modernized forms are already in effect and will simply be renumbered on **December 1, 2015**. Other forms were published for public comment in August 2013 or 2014 and have been approved by the Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee and the Standing Rules Committee.

Virtually all director's bankruptcy forms (current forms 13S through 283) will also be replaced by updated and renumbered versions on **December 1, 2015**.

The Western District of Tennessee will implement use of these forms **December 1, 2015**. **All new forms will be required as of that date.**

- Attorney filers who represent debtors (individual or non individual) should contact their current software vendor, or the software vendor of their choice, to ensure compliance on **December 1, 2015**.
- *The court is not in a position to recommend software providers but has been informed that EZ Filing, which is used by many attorneys to prepare bankruptcy forms, will no longer update or support bankruptcy forms after November 30, 2015.*
- Creditor filers should ensure use of the new claim form (410) as of **December 1, 2015**. This form will be accessible via Speed Claim and Web Claim.
- For any other specific use, with the exception of some local forms which will replace current local forms on the effective date, filers should be directed to <http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms> for all Official and Directors forms. This site will always provide access to the most current version of all official forms, in a fillable pdf format.
- **Any forms published prior to December 1, 2015 tendered for filing on or after that date will be considered deficient.** A corrective entry or deficiency notice will be issued, allowing 14 days to cure deficiencies through submission of the new forms which go into effect **December 1, 2015** to avoid further action by the court.

Attorney and support staff brown bag seminars have been scheduled for the purpose of providing additional information associated with implementation of new forms and this court's filing requirements:

Thursday, November 12, 2015	12:00 PM	Judge Croom's Courtroom (Jackson)
Friday, November 13, 2015	12:00 PM	Room 600 (Memphis)