NOTICE

On October 7, 2006, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio will implement CM/ECF Version 3.1 (V 3.1), which includes the statistical requirements of BAPCPA that affect changes to the case upload and case opening screens. The CM/ECF system will be unavailable between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on October 7th to perform this software upgrade. Electronic filers should coordinate loading their bankruptcy preparer's software to coincide with V 3.1 software upgrade to ensure compatibility with the new forms and the upgraded software.

Beginning October 1, 2006, several changes to the official forms become effective. These include Form 1 (Voluntary Petition); Form 5 (Involuntary Petition); Form 6 (Schedules of Assets and Liabilities); Form 6 Declaration; Schedules D, E, F, I, and J; Forms 9G, 9H, and 9I (Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 Meeting of Creditors Notices); Forms 22A and 22C (Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Statements of Current Monthly Income); and Form 23 (Debtor's Certification of Completion of Financial Management Course). Plus, a new form, Exhibit D, which is required for each individual debtor, has been added to the Voluntary Petition. Rather than attaching the certificate of credit counseling to Exhibit D, the certificate should continue to be filed as a separate document.

In addition, the Director of the Administrative Office has revised several of the Director's Procedural Forms. The two most recent revisions are amendments to Form 104 (Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet) and Form 210 (Notice of Transfer of Claim Other than for Security). Because the changes to Forms 104 and 210 are related to the new functionality in CM/ECF Release 3.1, the two revised forms will be effective as the courts implement V 3.1.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the Official Forms and the amended Director's Forms are posted on the "Bankruptcy Forms Pending Final Action" page of the judiciary's website at: www.uscourts.gov/bankform.

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