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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

AUGUST 2005

BANKRUPTCY COURT

AUGUST FOCUS BROWSER REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT INFO

Effective August 28, 2005 - all CM/ECF users making fee payments by Internet credit card through Pay.gov must use Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher as their browser. This is the only browser supported by the most recent version, 3.2, of the Treasury's Pay.gov system, which is scheduled to be deployed on August 28, 2005.

Previous versions of Pay.gov worked with Netscape 4.7. However, recent testing of version 3.2 has confirmed that this will no longer be the situation. Therefore, you are encouraged to acquire and use Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher as soon as possible for all fee payments, if you have not already done so.

Netscape will continue to work with CM/ECF so long as interaction with Pay.gov for fee payments is not necessary.

See www.oknb.uscourts.gov for additional information or call 918.699.4072



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Adversary Filing Fee Increase September 20, 2005

The Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (CACM), unanimously approved an increase in the adversary filing fee, Item 6 of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule.

The increase, which had been endorsed by the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System, will raise that fee to \$250, the same amount as the civil action filing fee.

The change takes effect on September 20, 2005, and will permit the adversary fee to continue to track the civil action filing fee.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT MEANS TEST

The means test's primary function will be to subject the debtor's petition to financial analysis in order to determine whether they could repay a threshold level of general unsecured debt.

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Training Opportunities

CM/ECF Training will be held at the Court from
1:30 to 4:30 on

- August 11 for creditor attorneys
- August 25 for debtor attorneys
- Please register online at
<http://www.oknb.uscourts.gov/cmreg/>

September 8th—The Oklahoma Bar Association training class on the Bankruptcy Reform Act
For further information or to register contact
Sandy Cowden at 1-800-522-8065

AUGUST INFO POINT CM/ECF VERSION 2.6.6

On August 1st 2005 the Court upgraded to CM/ECF version 2.6.6. There are a number of enhancements that will assist Attorneys and their staff.

1. When looking for an event in order to file a pleading, there is now a Cheat Sheet to assist filers. It utilizes a search function, to aid in finding pertinent entries rapidly. Find this in CM/ECF- Utilities -Cheat Sheet.
2. There is a new Dynamic Page Header on all pleadings printed from the docket. This shows the case #, docket entry number, filing date with Court ID, and page 1 of pleading.
3. There is now a link to associated cases that shows on the Docket sheet. This enables a user to go directly to the associated case.

Click on this article for more in-depth info on 2.6.6 enhancements.



TIP OF THE MONTH:

Website Links to Help With Means Test Requirements

Census Bureau State Median Family Income

IRS National Standards for Allowable Living Expenses

IRS Housing and Utilities Allowable Living Expenses

IRS Allowable Living Expenses for Transportation

US COURTS DRAFT INTERIM RULES & FORMS

Draft Interim Rules to Implement the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005



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www.pcwebopedia.com.

The site features clear, easy to understand definitions and descriptions for just about any computer term or acronym you can throw at it. The site is also well organized and contains a host of additional information and links that will turn you into a geek in no time.

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If the debtors are found to be able to repay in the threshold there is “Presumed Abuse.” Two elements, current monthly income (not Social Security) and allowed deductions using an IRS standard for expenses generally will determine this.

There will be two new forms used to conduct the means test the “Statement of Current Monthly Income” and “Means Test/Disposable Income Calculation Form.” The Debtor will fill out the first three pages of the first. Then, if the debtors income is above the state median, they will then fill out the Means Test Form. These two forms are anticipated to be available early September.