

United States Bankruptcy Court For the Northern District of Oklahoma

Bankruptcy Changes Effective Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Revisions to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Official Bankruptcy Forms will take effect on December 1, 2015, unless Congress enacts legislation otherwise.

Most of the Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted and re-numbered versions if approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2015 meeting.

The new forms are part of the Advisory Committee's ongoing forms modernization project that began in 2008, with the objective to make the forms easier to understand and to improve the interface between the forms and the judiciary's next generation of Case Manager and Elec-

tronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) software.

The new forms introduce different versions of case opening forms for individual debtors and non-individual debtors. All but six of the existing official forms and virtually all the director's bankruptcy forms will be replaced.

Copies of the **pending official bankruptcy forms and committee notes** are available for your review from the U.S. Courts website at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms>.

Pro Se (Self-Represented) Filing Packet **Filing Bankruptcy on or After December 1, 2015**

If you are considering filing a bankruptcy case, you should know that the Bankruptcy Rules contain a set of official bankruptcy forms, and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9009 provides that the Official Forms "shall be observed and used" in cases and proceedings under the Code.

If you intend to file for bankruptcy prior to December 1, 2015, the forms provided to you by the Clerk's Office (and the PDF forms currently posted on our website) are the Official Forms prescribed by the Judicial Conference and may be used to file your bankruptcy case **prior to December 1, 2015**.

Warning: If you intend to file for bankruptcy on or after December 1, 2015, you are urged to use the revised **Official Forms**, **starting December 1, 2015**.

The Official Forms effective December 1, 2015 will be available by request from the Clerk's Office shortly after approval by the Judicial Conference at its September 2015 meeting.

Special Notice to those Attorneys **Currently using CINGroup's EZ-Filing Software**

Our office has been made aware that CINGroup's EZ-Filing software, used by many attorneys to prepare bankruptcy forms, will no longer be updated or supported after November 30, 2015 (<http://go.cingroup.com/ezfilingtransition>). Representatives at CINGroup have advised the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts that their users have been notified by email, phone, and through messaging in the software itself. Please make the necessary arrangements to ensure you are on a supported software program (with updated forms) before filing any cases with the court on or after December 1, 2015.