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New Tool for Researching Prior Bankruptcy Filings & Other Case Information:

The new PACER "Case Locator" has been launched, and is intended to replace the U.S. Party/Case Index. Just like the U.S. Party/Case Index, the Case Locator is a nationwide information system for all federal case filings. The "Bankruptcy" search function may be used to locate case information in all bankruptcy courts, and is a very helpful tool for performing due diligence while researching a debtor's prior case filings in all districts across the United States.

The Case Locator also provides enhanced search and display capabilities including options to:

- request lists of cases for a specified date range by court type;
- conduct searches based on chapter, discharge date, and dismissal date for bankruptcy cases;
- access case information for the Judicial Panel on Multi-district Litigation;
- choose result formats, including HTML, delimited text, and XML which can be easily imported to other programs for analysis;
- change the sort order of the results displayed; and
- conduct refined searches within the results of a previous search.

The U.S. Party/Case Index will be available only for the next few months to allow users time to become familiar with the capabilities of the new Case Locator. The U.S. Party/Case Index is currently accessible with a PACER login and password, and can be accessed by going to: <https://pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov/>

The new Case Locator is located at the U.S. Party/ Case Index site or by going to: <http://pcl.uscourts.gov>

Court Holiday:

The Court will be closed Monday, July 5, 2010, in observation of Independence Day. Have a happy and safe holiday!

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"Green" CM/ECF Enhancement:

A new tab has been added to make CM/ECF more "Green" and more convenient. The new tab is titled "Links", and will provide access directly from CM/ECF to the Local Rules, BAP Rules, General Orders, the Bankruptcy Code, and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The Court encourages review of items such as the Local Rules online because not only does this ensure the most current version of the law is being viewed, but also creates less paper waste.



Duty to Redact Personal Information:

The responsibility for redacting personal data identifiers rests solely with counsel and the parties. Please remove all but the last four digits of the social security number; all names of minor children (use minors' initials); all but the last four digits of any bank, savings or similar account numbers; and birth date except for the year. The Clerk will not review documents for compliance with this rule, seal documents containing personal data identifiers without a Court order, or redact such information from documents. See Local Rule 1007-1(H).

New CM/ECF Events:

Motion for Continuation of Utility Service & Adequate Assurance of Payment under §366(b): Instead of using the miscellaneous relief event for this type of motion, the Court has created a specific filing event accessible by going to Bankruptcy> Motions/Applications> Continuation of Utility Service & Adequate Assurance of Payment (§366(b)).

Motion for Authority to Obtain Credit under §364: Instead of using the miscellaneous relief event for this type of motion, the Court has created a specific filing event accessible by going to Bankruptcy> Motions/Applications> Borrow/Incur Debt/Obtain Credit.

Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Rule Changes:

The Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Tenth Circuit ("BAP") have been amended effective May 1, 2010. The amendments include BAP Local Rule 8008-1(a), which requires that all documents other than sealed documents, filed on or after May 1, 2010, be electronically filed using the BAP's Appellate CM/ECF system. Detailed instructions for electronic filing registration are available on the BAP website, www.bap10.uscourts.gov

Tenth Circuit Bench & Bar Conference:

The 2010 Tenth Circuit Bench & Bar Conference will be August 26th through 28th in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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The conference and hotel registration deadline is July 21, 2010. For more information about the conference go to: www.ca10.uscourts.gov/conference

Local Rule Enhancement:

The online version of the Local Rules will now contain links to any General Order that supplements a provision of the Local Rules. The link to the General Order will be located next to the Local Rule that it supplements, as illustrated below.

Rule 4001-1(D) has been amended by General Order 10-GO-01. Refer to the General Order for the current rule.

D. Relief from the Codebtor Stay. A motion for relief from the codebtor stay provided by 11 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a) or 1301(a) shall be designated as “Motion for Relief from Codebtor Stay.” Failure to do so may be deemed a waiver of the benefit of automatic termination of the stay upon the conditions stated in 11 U.S.C. §§ 1201(d) or 1301(d). The motion shall be served upon the debtor, the debtor’s counsel, trustee, any individual that is liable on the debt with the debtor (i.e., a codebtor), and all parties in interest who have requested notice in the case, affording them twenty-three (23) days (which includes the three (3) days for mailing as prescribed by Bankruptcy Rule 9006(f)) within which to object.

Bankruptcy Statistics:

From January 1, 2010, through March 31, 2010, the total bankruptcy case filings were reported as follows:

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| 10TH Circuit Total | 19,807 |
| District of Colorado | 7,463 |
| District of Kansas | 2,570 |
| District of New Mexico | 1,684 |
| Northern District of Oklahoma | 1,041 |
| Eastern District of Oklahoma | 537 |
| Western District of Oklahoma | 2,014 |
| District of Utah | 4,151 |
| District of Wyoming | 347 |

For additional statistical information regarding bankruptcy filings, go to:
www.uscourts.gov/Statistics/BankruptcyStatistics.aspx

Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule Change:

The Judicial Conference, at its March 16, 2010 session, amended the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule for the appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. The fee schedule was amended to waive fees of less than \$10 in a quarterly billing cycle rather than in a year. The change from a yearly to a quarterly waiver is effective immediately.

