



### Bankruptcy Clerk's Office Overview



- Main help line: 816-512-1800. Phones are answered Monday Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. No Judgments...only solutions.
- Case Administrators
  - First to Review your Filings
  - Electronic Recording Officers
- > Courtroom Deputies:

Chief Judge Fenimore - Dawn Meador Judge Dow - Christy Wilkinson Judge Norton - Beth Graham Kansas City Ch. 13s - Kristina Richardson

> The Western District of Missouri is 1 of 6 consolidated court's in the country.





#### Northern/St. Joseph Division













# Navigating the WDMO Website

- \* WDMO Website: <u>www.mow.uscourts.gov</u>
- \* Phone Hearing Information
- \* Court Calendar
- \* Courtroom Deputy Directory
- \* Local Forms and Federal Forms
- \* Local Rules Appendix and highlights

### www.mow.uscourts.gov



### Phone Hearing Information

#### Court Hearing Information

#### **Bankruptcy Court Calendar**

#### 2023 Docket Dates

Phone hearing information (except for KC Ch 13 motion dockets): Judge Fenimore - 1-888-251-2909; access code 2332127 Judge Dow - 1-877-336-1280; access code 9715711 Judge Norton - 1-888-204-5984; access code 9973398



### Running a hearing calendar

➤ 1) You can run it from the court's website by going to www.mow.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy and then go to the bottom left of the screen and click on "Bankruptcy Court Calendar". This will take you to a screen where you can search by date or within a date parameter and then you can select the grey boxes at the top to have a more specified search result. Please note that this search does include 341 hearing dates so you can eliminate those dates by choosing they type of hearing in the far right category or by choosing the "Judge" category as the 341 meeting dates show up as "(Not Assigned)".

### Court Hearing Information Court Schedule: Monday, April 17, 2023 - Monday, April 17, 2023

**Bankruptcy Court Calendar** 

From: 04/17/2023 Open Calendar Use the "From" and "To" boxes to change the date(s). To: 04/17/2023 Open Calendar Submit

Note: Court schedules change frequently and often at the last minute. Please contact the court for more information.

The drop down boxes below are for filtering the information for the selected date range.



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04/17/2023 09:00AM	18-bk-41787-drd13: Ronald Gene Clevenge	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date
04/17/2023 09:00AM	18-bk-42647-drd13: Jereme Edel Stradfor	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date
04/17/2023 09:00AM	18-bk-42914-drd13: Jerome NMN Dobbs, II	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date
04/17/2023 09:00AM	19-bk-41304-drd13: Odell NMN Rivers, Sr	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date
04/17/2023 09:00AM	19-bk-41723-drd13: Jeremy Wayne Higgins	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date
04/17/2023 09:00AM	20-bk-40074-drd13: Jason Wayne Sellers	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date
04/17/2023 09:00AM	20-bk-41116-drd13: Dale Myron Kirchhofe	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date
04/17/2023 09:00AM	20-bk-41310-drd13: James Richard Routt,	Bankruptcy Judge Dow	[Not Assigned]	Telephone Conference- Judge Dow 877-336-1280. Access code 9715711.	Hearing Date

2) The second way is by running a report in ECF under the "Reports" category at the top, and then choosing "Calendar Events" under the Hearing Information category. When you choose this Event, you will be given the choice to select to run a report for only cases in which you are linked or for a selected attorney.

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### **Courtroom Deputy Directory**

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Judges			
CM/ECF Login	Name	Courtroom Deputy for	Phone Number
Bankruptcy FAQs • Debtors	Beth Graham	Judge Cynthia A. Norton	816-512-1852
Creditors Appeals	Dawn Meador	Chief Judge Brian T. Fenimore	816-512-1924
Bankruptcy Directory	Christy Wilkinson	Judge Dennis R. Dow	816-512-1894
Local Rules, Procedures & Fees	Kristina Richardson	Kansas City Chapter 13	816-512-1816

### Local Forms

### UNITED STATES COURTS Western District of Missouri

**Probation & Pretrial** 

Attorney

Honorable Beth Phillips, Chief Judge Paige Wymore-Wynn, Court Executive

**Bankruptcy Court** 

**District Court** 

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obation Forms	Combined Plan & Disclosure Statement (Small Business Chapter 11)	MOW 3016-3.1	PDF	Word					
	Corporate Ownership Statement	MOW 1007-1.1/ 7007.1-1.1	PDF	Word					
	Debtor's Evidence of No Employer Payments	MOW 1007-1.2	PDF	Word					
	Declaration re Electronic Filing	MOW 1007-1.3	PDF	Word					
	Exhibit Index	MOW 7016-1.1	PDF	Word					
	Exhibit Stickers		PDF	Word					
	Motion for Entry of Chapter 11 Discharge - Hardship	MOW 4004-5.2	PDF	Word					
	Motion for Entry of Chapter 11 Discharge - Plan Complete	MOW 4004-5.1	PDF	Word					
	Motion for Entry of Chapter 12 Discharge - Hardship	MOW 4004-6.2	PDF	Word					

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General Information

### Federal Forms www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms

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* Bankruptcy Forms	B 101	Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy	Individual Debtors			
Superseded	B 101A	Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You (individuals)	Individual Debtors			
Bankruptcy Forms	B 101B	Statement About Payment of an Eviction Judgment Against You (individuals)	Individual Debtors			
Civil Forms	B 103A	Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments	Individual Debtors			
Criminal Forms	B 103B         Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived					
Court Reporter Forms CJA Forms	B 104	For Individual Chapter 11 Cases: The List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims Against You Who Are Not Insiders	Individual Debtors			
Human Resources	Human Resources B 105 Involuntary Petition Against an Individual					
Porms	B 106 Declaration	Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules	Individual Debtors			
Jury Forms	B 106 Summary	A Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information (individuals)	Individual Debtors			
Uther Forms	B 106A/B	Schedule A/B: Property (individuals)	Individual Debtors			
	B 106C	Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt (individuals)	Individual Debtors			

### Local Rules

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### Local Rule Highlights

\* <u>LR 1016-1 Death of Debtor</u> – File a Suggestions of Death with the court within 30 days of debtor's attorney learning of the death of the debtor.

\* <u>LR 4001-1-(C)</u> – witness and exhibits lists for Motions for Relief are no longer due at the initial hearing. If an Evidentiary Hearing is needed the Notice and Order will list a due date for filing witness and exhibit lists

\*  $\underline{LR 9060-1(I)}$  - 21-day notice to ALL CREDITORS must be included in your motion or attached



### **Courtroom Deputies**

What We Do and What You need to know to be an informed filer: an information guide to get you through the murky waters of Motions, Proposed Orders and Other Document Filings

## MOTIONS

> Motions – Shall be in writing and shall state with particularity, grounds for the relief requested.

Supporting Documents/Exhibits – if your Motion has Exhibits, attach them by checking "YES" under the "Browse" box after you browse and Upload the motion to be filed.

Once you click Next, the window will expand. This is where you would add the additional attachment (exhibit) to the motion. Note: you will need to either use the drop-down to select the Category or type in a description of the attachment.

If you forget to attach your exhibits during this
 Process, you can use the event Support Documentation Do not use Support Documentation to upload a
 MATRIX. If you forgot to attach a separate Certificate of
 Service showing who was served, there is a different event

- When filing Exhibits, make sure your Exhibits are clearly marked correctly (Plaintiff/Movant uses #'s; Defendant/Respondent uses letters). Use the Court's Exhibit Index form found on the form page on the Court's website under MOW 7016-1(E). Enter each Exhibit separately in ECF so the Judges can access them easily.
- Make sure the Exhibits are redacted before filing pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037, or other applicable law. If exhibits are not redacted when filed, you will be contacted and will have to file a request to redact and pay the required filing fee.

Next) Clear
Select one or more attachments.
1) Select the PDF document that contains the attachment. Filename Browser 4-4-23Docket.pdf
2) Fill in the fields below. Category and/or Description
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Remove from List
Next

Filename

Browse... No file selected.

Attachments to Document: 
No O Yes

- Exhibit Notebooks
  - If exhibits total 200 pages or more, the Exhibit Notebook must be provided to the Judge by the due date for Exhibits set out in the case. If you are unsure of the judges' preference for the notebook, reach out to the appropriate CRD.
- Notice As Patrick had previously mentioned, determine whether the Motion you are filing requires a Notice. If you look to Local Rule 9060-1 (G-J) you can get a list of most documents which require Notices or which are noticed by the Court.
- Certificates of Service Make sure you include a certificate of service for your Motion and Notice. A pleading without a proper certificate may be denied.
  - > The Court cannot tell you what parties are required to be served on a pleading, as this is giving legal advice.
  - Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-3(A) Each pleading shall have a signed certificate of service at the end of the pleading or on a separate, captioned certificate, stating:
    - ✓ the manner and date of service, each person served, either by name or reference to a standard mailing list, including electronic notice using the Court's ECF system.
  - Example: I hereby certify that on January 1, 2020, the foregoing was delivered via e-mail to the parties that are registered to receive electronic filings on ECF, and regular first class, postage prepaid to the parties that are not registered to receive electronic filings on ECF. Any omissions in this type of Certificate of Service?
  - A copy of the matrix for a specific case can be found in the Reports tab in ECF and then choosing "List of Creditors" under the Case Information title.

### TIPS FOR COMMONLY USED MOTIONS

### Motions to Expedite, Waive Notice, Shorten Time

- Filed separately from the Motion
- Make sure you file it using the correct event "Motion to Expedite Hearing" or a "Motion to Waive Notice or Expedite Hearing" or "Motion to Shorten Time", whichever relates to your request (Yes, there is a difference between them)
- > Do not include a response deadline within the Motion in which you want the ruling on.

### Motion to Extend Time

- Be sure to choose a date, not just "30 days"
- Be sure the date you are extending to is a date the court is open (i.e. don't choose a weekend or holiday), If you choose a date the court is closed, the deadline will be extended to the next business day.

### Motion to Reinstate Case

- Make sure you select the correct form and use the correct event. Make sure you use the form from the Court's Form page as it has pertinent information that is required.
- You may also need to pay a fee, depending on whether the case has been dismissed, dismissed and closed, or closed without being dismissed. See the forms page on the Court's website and/or Local Rule 1017-1(E), Local Rule 4004-3, and/or Local Rule 5010-1.

### > Motion to Retain/Spend Tax Refund vs. Motion to Retain a Portion of Tax Refund

Only use the Motion to Retain a Portion if you are not retaining the whole amount of your refund. If you are turning an amount over to the Trustee for example, you would use the Motion to Retain a Portion.



- Proposed Orders Local Rule 9050-1 provides that the Court will enter orders in a text format on the court docket.
  - If specific language is required in an order, a proposed order shall be submitted to the assigned courtroom deputy via e-mail after the hearing or expiration of the response deadline.
  - The proposed order shall be submitted in Word format and include a complete signature block entitled Submitted By, Approved By, and/or Approved as to Form and Content as applicable. If it is an Agreed Order it will have more than one signature block.
  - > Please make sure that all signature blocks are included on a proposed order.
    - > <u>Never</u> type in the "signature" of the Judge.
    - Do not include a certificate of service or put the Approved by signature blocks before the Judges signature block.
    - Do not put '###' at the end of your proposed order (This is something you will see in Kansas).

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Kristina Richardson KC13Orders@mow.uscourts.gov	Kansas City Chapter 13 – ALL Judges	816-512-1816

### Other Specific Documents

- Responses Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(C and D), unless otherwise provided, respondent shall file a response, any memorandum of authority, opposing affidavits for summary judgment motions, and supporting documents within 21 days after service of the motion. Responses shall address the merits of the motion and, if applicable, set out actions to remedy the particular problem. *Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a ruling on the motion without a hearing*. Do not include a Motion to Continue or Extend Time within your Response, such relief would have to be filed as a separate document.
  - If a Response is filed to a Motion and a prior hearing has not been set, the Courtroom Deputy will most likely set a hearing on the related Motion. The Movant (filer of the Motion) will be required to serve the Hearing Notice on all required parties, but always refer to the hearing notice regarding direction of service.

### > Objections to Exemptions –

- If an Amended Schedule C is filed, the court will not DENY the Objection to Exemptions, instead we enter an order Granting as it is to the prior filed Schedule C and the newly filed Schedule C stands. If the Trustee has an issue with the Amended Schedule C, a new objection to exemptions will be filed.
- Withdrawals Local Rule 9060-1(D) If a document set for hearing is withdrawn on the day before or the day of the scheduled hearing, the movant must contact the assigned courtroom deputy by e-mail or telephone. Do not file as a Motion to Withdraw if you are withdrawing your own document. Do not attach a copy of the document being withdrawn in lieu of a Request for Withdrawal when not using a text event.

Notice of Amendment – If you are adding creditors and/or filing amended schedules D, E/F, G and/or H, then you must include a Notice of Amendment with the appropriate filing fee. There is a Form on the Court's forms page and it should be used and filled out completely (See Local Form - MOW 1009-1.3 for the Notice). You can attach an additional sheet to show all new creditors if needed. Be sure you add all the missing creditors at once so you only pay the fee one time. If you file multiple Notice of Amendments, you will owe a fee for each one filed separately. An Amended Matrix must be filed in ECF listing only the additional creditors. Debtor must serve amendments to schedules, matrices and statements of affairs on affected entities, the United States Trustee, and the trustee in the case in time to comply with applicable provisions of §523(a)(3), with a Notice as shown in the next screen.

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

IN RE: Enter debtor(s) name Debtor(s)

Case No. Enter Case No.

#### NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES D, E/F, G OR H (ADDITION OF CREDITOR(S))

You are hereby notified that the debtor(s) has filed amended schedule(s) of debt to include creditor(s) listed below or on the attachment. Debtor's counsel must also separately provide you a copy of the debtor(s)' full Social Security Number.

- 1. Creditor (name and address): Enter creditor(s) name
- 2. Claim (amount owed, nature of claim, date incurred): Enter claim information
- 4. Trustee, (name, address, and phone) if one has been appointed: Enter trustee name
- 5. Original deadline for filing proofs of claim: Enter date [Input date from 341 meeting notice.]

#### Also, check the applicable provision below:

This is a no-asset case. It is unnecessary to file a claim now. If it is determined there are assets to distribute, creditors will receive a notice setting a deadline to file claims.

This claim was added to the schedules after the deadline for filing claims stated above or the claim deadline will pass within 30 days. The creditor has 30 days from the date of service below to file a proof of claim. <a href="https://ecf.mowb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/autoFilingClaims.pl">https://ecf.mowb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/autoFilingClaims.pl</a>

This is a Chapter 13 case. The creditor has 30 days from the date of service below or until the bar date, whichever is later, to file a proof of claim. <u>https://ecf.mowb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/autoFilingClaims.pl</u>

6. Deadline for filing complaints objecting to discharge of specific debts or the general discharge of debtor under 11 U.S.C. §§ 523, 727: Enter date [Input date from 341 meeting notice]

#### Also, check the box below if applicable:

□ This claim was added to the schedules after the deadline for filing claims stated above or the claim deadline will pass within 30 days. The creditor has 30 days from the date of service below to file complaints.

Date: Enter a date

#### Enter signature

#### Debtor's attorney (type name, address)

Certificate of Service: I, Enter text, certify the above notice and a separate notice of the full social security number of the debtor(s) was served on the above-named creditor(s) by first class, postage prepaid mail, on Enter a date.

Enter signature Typed Name or Signature

# Other Topics of interest

Linking of Documents – Patrick touched on this, but just be sure to link your document to the correct related document. I often see attorneys link their response back to a Notice and Order Setting Hearing instead of linking it back to the Motion.

### Chapter 11s –

- Local Rule 1002-2 lists some of the Explanations of a Complex Ch. 11 case and what initial pleadings are generally filed as first day motions.
- If filing a Complex Ch. 11 case, you should be in contact with the Courtroom Deputy either prior to filing or as soon after filing to check the availability of the Judge for an emergency hearing.
- **Rule 1002-3** talks about Small Business Ch. 11 cases and cases filed under Subchapter V.
- When filing the tax return which is a required filing, please be sure that you do redact the required fields even though the document is a protected document.
- Chapter 12s A Chapter 12 case is very similar to a Chapter 13 case. There are no specific Local Rules that relate to just Ch. 12s until you get to your Discharge which can be found under Local Rule 4004-6.

### > Adversaries –

- CRD will issue the Pretrial Order and Summons.
- Movant to serve along with the Complaint and then file a Certificate of Service.
- > If service is not made timely or properly, a request for Alias Summons needs to be filed in ECF.
- The Courtroom Deputy will issue a new Alias Summons to be served with the Original Pretrial Order if the dates are still workable, otherwise an amended pretrial order will be prepared.