

BANKRUPTCY CLERK'S CORNER

From the Bench:

2026 Docket Dates have been posted to the court's website
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Coming soon... Amendments to the Local Rules. The Bankruptcy Clerk will soon circulate the amendments for comment.

Joplin and **Springfield** practitioners: Don't forget to complete the survey regarding the return of in-person hearings. Responses will be collected through 10/9/25.

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This newsletter is designed to inform Western District of Missouri Bankruptcy Attorneys and their staff about changes, additions, and procedural revisions.

Clerk's Office Filing Tips

→ Attorney Fee Arrangements

Ch. 7: If a lawyer charges **above the no-look fee** (see LR 2016-1B) or on an hourly basis, a Motion to Approve Fee Arrangement must promptly be filed at case opening.

Ch. 13: If a lawyer charges **above the no-look fee** (see LR 2016-2B), a Motion to Approve Fee Arrangement must promptly be filed at case opening. Per Local Rule 2016-2(D) (2), a separate Motion to Approve Fee Arrangement is not required for lawyers charging on an hourly basis if the arrangement is disclosed in both the Disclosure of Attorney Compensation (Form 2030) and the Chapter 13 Plan.

Ch. 7/13: If a lawyer certifies that they have **not** executed the Rights and Responsibilities Agreement, **or if the lawyer has entered into any other nonstandard fee agreement**, a Motion to Approve Fee Arrangement must promptly be filed at case opening. See LR 2016-1.C and LR 2017-1.D.

ECF Event: Motions & Related Filings - Motions/Applications/Requests - Approve Debtor's Attorney's Fee Arrangement (with 21 day notice)

→ **New Case Document Checklists** were updated. These can be found in our [Appendix to the Local Rules](#).

For Debtors:

- **Form 423:** Form 423 is no longer required. Only the Financial Management Certificate is necessary to satisfy the post-filing education requirement.
- **Motion to Extend Stay:** When filing a **Motion to Extend Stay**, there may be circumstances that require an expedited hearing. If so, **a separate Motion to Expedite must be filed.** Attorneys are responsible for reviewing docket dates, which are available on the court's website. Please note that for Kansas City Chapter 13 cases, some months may only have one scheduled KC 13 docket.

For Creditors:

- **Amended Proof of Claim:** When filing an amended claim, it is not necessary to withdraw the original claim. **The amended claim will automatically override and nullify the previous one.**
- **Motion for Relief from Stay:** If you are requesting a waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a)(4), **you must select the "YES" option when filing your motion and explicitly include the waiver language within the motion itself.** If either step is omitted, the resulting text order will not reflect the waiver.

Continuance of Hearings - Local Rule 9060-1(C)

- If you are seeking a continuance of a scheduled hearing, a motion must be filed **at least two business days prior** to the hearing date.
- For motions filed late, the movant is required to **contact the assigned courtroom deputy** via email or telephone.
- All motions for continuance must include:
 - The **reason** for the requested continuance
 - Whether **opposing counsel consents** to the motion
 - If consent is unknown, a statement detailing the **efforts made to contact opposing counsel**, including the **date of first contact attempt**.



Upcoming Holidays - Clerk's Office Closed:

- **Columbus Day - October 13th**
- **Veteran's Day - November 11th**
- **Thanksgiving - November 27th & 28th**
- **Christmas - December 24th & 25th**
- **New Years - December 31st & January 1st**