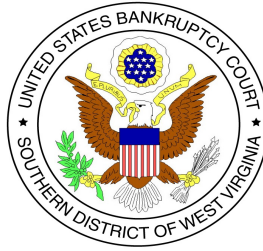


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To: Bankruptcy Bar and Public

The Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States (Judicial Conference) has proposed the amendment of seven official bankruptcy forms and the addition of one new official form. The form amendments and the new form are pending approval by the Judicial Conference; however, the forms have been made available to give the courts, the forms publishers, and software vendors time to implement the amendments. **October 1, 2006** is the scheduled effective date for the form amendments (1, 5, 6, 9, 22A, 22C, and 23) and the new form (1, Exhibit D). The proposed amendments implement the statistical reporting requirements of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) that take effect October 17, 2006. Other conforming changes to the forms, both substantive and stylistic, are made as well.

In addition, AO Director's Procedural Forms B240 (Reaffirmation Agreement), B271 (Final Decree), and B281 (Appearance of Child Support Creditor or Representative) have been amended and Form B202 (Statement of Military Service) is new. The amendments to the noted forms and the new form will take effect on **August 1, 2006**.

The following hyperlink to the judiciary's Internet website provides access to the Official and Director's forms under the heading: Bankruptcy Forms Pending Final Action:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/bankform/index.html>

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