



Proposed Official Forms Changes - Bankruptcy Forms

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Members of the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure:

I am a bankruptcy practitioner with over 25 years of experience in Lexington, Kentucky. I am Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy practice, a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. I handle not only consumer cases, but small and medium-sized business and business owner bankruptcy filings. Thank you for considering my comments and suggestions.

I have carefully reviewed the extensive and thoughtful comments submitted by Walter Oney, Esq. (12- BK- 012) and concur in them. I would like to note that expanding the physical size of the forms carries with it not only a cost component, but an environmental one. Accordingly, I heartily concur with suggestions to remove redundancies or unnecessary information requests.

Although the federal courts are "electronic," our clients often are not and sharing such information can be expensive and a waste of resources. As our legal system migrates toward a fully electronic or virtual system, it would be helpful if more Official Forms were "fillable" online. As technology for the legal profession and individual consumers improves, the concept of requiring physical forms and documents to be used is becoming outmoded. The Conference Committee should be cognizant of this evolution and seek to be a leader in fostering a process that can be totally completed online if possible.

Thank you for your efforts.

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