

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

Request For Comment

Comments are Sought on Amendments to:

Interim Bankruptcy Rules 1007(b), 1007(h), 1020, 2009, 2012(a), 2015, 3010(b), 3011, and 3016

Bankruptcy Forms 101, 201, 309E, 309E2, 309F, 309F2, 314, 315, and 425A

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Judges, United States District Courts
Judges, United States Bankruptcy Courts

FROM: Honorable David G. Campbell 
Chair, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

Honorable Dennis R. Dow 
Chair, Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules

RE: PROPOSED INTERIM RULE AND OFFICIAL FORM AMENDMENTS FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

On August 23, 2019, the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, P.L. 116-54 (SBRA) was enacted into law (see <https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr3311/BILLS-116hr3311enr.pdf>). The SBRA creates a new subchapter V of chapter 11 for the reorganization of small business debtors. It does not repeal existing chapter 11 provisions regarding small business debtors, but instead creates an alternative procedure that small business debtors may elect to use. The effective date of the SBRA is February 19, 2020.

When it became clear that the SBRA would likely become law, the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules began an intensive effort to review the SBRA's provisions and determine changes to the bankruptcy rules and official bankruptcy forms necessary to implement the

legislation by its effective date. Although changes to the official forms can be approved in time for the SBRA effective date, changes to the bankruptcy rules take three years or more under the process established by the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071-77, and will not be completed by that time. As a result, our committees will issue interim SBRA rules for adoption as local rules or by general order in each judicial district. Because it is important that the new SBRA procedures be uniform, we hope that all courts will adopt the interim rules.

Our committees will publish the proposed SBRA form changes and interim rules for public comment for a period of four weeks, starting on October 16, 2019. Information on how to submit comments can be found on the “Proposed Amendments for Public Comment” page of the Courts’ public website at: <https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment>. **The public comment period will close on November 13, 2019.**

The committees will make any adjustments called for by the public comments and will then seek approval from the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference, acting on an expedited basis on behalf of the Judicial Conference, to distribute the interim rules to judicial districts. If there are no delays in the approval process, distribution should occur in mid-to-late December. This will provide time for the interim rules to be adopted by general order or as local rules by the SBRA effective date of February 19, 2020. The revised forms will be distributed to courts the same time as the interim rules. The committees will then move forward with regular promulgation of the SBRA rules under the Rules enabling Act.¹ Those rules, when finally approved, will replace the interim rules. Thank you for your cooperation in accepting these interim changes needed to conform to the SBRA.

cc: District Court Executives
Clerks, United States District Courts
Clerks, United States Bankruptcy Courts
Bankruptcy Administrators
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¹ Although changes to the Official Forms will be officially promulgated by February 2020 pursuant to the Advisory Committee’s delegated authority from the Judicial Conference to issue conforming Official Form amendments, the committees intend to publish them again under the regular procedure to ensure that the public has a thorough opportunity to review them.

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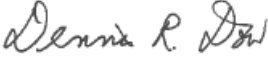
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October 3, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable David G. Campbell
Chair, Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

FROM: Honorable Dennis R. Dow 
Chair, Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules

RE: REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BANKRUPTCY RULES

On August 1, Congress passed the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 (“SBRA”) (<https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr3311/BILLS-116hr3311eh.pdf>), which creates a new subchapter of chapter 11 for the reorganization of small business debtors. The President signed the legislation on August 23. It will go into effect 180 days after that date, which will be February 19, 2020.

SBRA does not repeal existing chapter 11 provisions regarding small business debtors, but instead it creates an alternative procedure that small business debtors may elect to use. Proceedings using the current chapter 11 provisions will continue to be called “small business cases,” while cases for which the new procedure is elected will be called “cases under subchapter V of chapter 11.”

The enactment of SBRA requires amendments to be made to a number of bankruptcy rules and forms, in some cases excepting subchapter V cases from provisions that apply generally to chapter 11 and in other cases making provisions expressly applicable to subchapter V cases. Because SBRA will take effect long before the rulemaking process can run its course, the Advisory Committee seeks to have the amended rules issued initially as interim rules for

adoption by each judicial district, and amended and new forms to be issued by the Advisory Committee subject to later approval by the Standing Committee and notice to the Judicial Conference.

At its meeting on September 26, the Advisory Committee voted unanimously to seek approval for publication for public comment of the proposed amended rules and forms and new forms for a period of four weeks beginning the week of October 21. The package for publication consists of eight rules and nine Official Forms. They are included in the appendix to this report. The Advisory Committee approved these rules for publication at its September 26 meeting, subject to revisions that were approved by means of a post-meeting email vote.

Following the publication period, the Advisory Committee anticipates that in November it will consider the rules and forms, with any revisions proposed in response to comments, and that it will vote on the issuance of the rules as interim rules and approval of the forms as Official Forms. Thereafter, the Advisory Committee will seek the Standing Committee's approval of the interim rules and the forms, followed by approval by the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the interim rules and notice to it of the forms amendments. The Advisory Committee intends to proceed on a schedule that will allow distribution of the rules to the judicial districts in time for them to be adopted as local rules or by general order by February 19, 2020. At its spring 2020 meeting, the Advisory Committee will begin the process for the issuance of permanent rules, and it anticipates seeking the Standing Committee's approval at the June meeting for publication of the rules and forms in August 2020.¹

Action Item. The Advisory Committee recommends that the following rule and form amendments and new forms be published for public comment in October 2019:

- Rule 1007(b) and (h),
- Rule 1020,
- Rule 2009,
- Rule 2012(a),
- Rule 2015,
- Rule 3010(b),
- Rule 3011,
- Rule 3016,
- Official Form 101,
- Official Form 201,
- Official Form 309E,
- Official Form 309F,
- Official Form 314,
- Official Form 315,
- Official Form 425A,
- new Official Form 309E2, and
- new Official Form 309F2.

¹ Although the Official Forms will be officially promulgated by February 2020 pursuant to the Advisory Committee's authority to issue conforming Official Form amendments, it intends to seek publication of them under the regular procedure in order to ensure that the public has a thorough opportunity to review them.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL
RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE¹**

1 **Rule 1007. Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other**
2 **Documents; Time Limits**

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4 (b) SCHEDULES, STATEMENTS, AND OTHER
5 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

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7 (5) An individual debtor in a chapter 11 case
8 (unless under subchapter V) shall file a statement of
9 current monthly income, prepared as prescribed by
10 the appropriate Official Form.

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12 (h) INTERESTS ACQUIRED OR ARISING
13 AFTER PETITION. If, as provided by § 541(a)(5) of the
14 Code, the debtor acquires or becomes entitled to acquire any
15 interest in property, the debtor shall within 14 days after the

¹ New material is underlined in red; matter to be omitted is lined through.

16 information comes to the debtor's knowledge or within such
17 further time the court may allow, file a supplemental
18 schedule in the chapter 7 liquidation case, chapter 11
19 reorganization case, chapter 12 family farmer's debt
20 adjustment case, or chapter 13 individual debt adjustment
21 case. If any of the property required to be reported under
22 this subdivision is claimed by the debtor as exempt, the
23 debtor shall claim the exemptions in the supplemental
24 schedule. ~~The~~ This duty to file a supplemental schedule ~~in~~
25 ~~accordance with this subdivision~~ continues even after the
26 case is closed, except for property acquired after an order is
27 entered; ~~notwithstanding the closing of the case, except that~~
28 ~~the schedule need not be filed in a chapter 11, chapter 12, or~~
29 ~~chapter 13 case with respect to property acquired after entry~~
30 ~~of the order~~

31 (1) confirming a chapter 11 plan (other than one
32 confirmed under § 1191(b)); or

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1 **Rule 1020. ~~Small Business~~ Chapter 11 Reorganization**

2 **Case for Small Business Debtors**

3 (a) SMALL BUSINESS DEBTOR

4 DESIGNATION. In a voluntary chapter 11 case, the debtor

5 shall state in the petition whether the debtor is a small

6 business debtor and, if so, whether the debtor elects to have

7 subchapter V of chapter 11 apply. In an involuntary chapter

8 11 case, the debtor shall file within 14 days after entry of the

9 order for relief a statement as to whether the debtor is a small

10 business debtor and, if so, whether the debtor elects to have

11 subchapter V of chapter 11 apply. ~~Except as provided in~~

12 ~~subdivision (c), the~~ The status of the case as a small business

13 case or a case under subchapter V of chapter 11 shall be in

14 accordance with the debtor's statement under this

15 subdivision, unless and until the court enters an order finding

16 that the debtor's statement is incorrect.

17 (b) OBJECTING TO DESIGNATION. ~~Except as~~

18 ~~provided in subdivision (c), the~~ The United States trustee or

19 a party in interest may file an objection to the debtor's
20 statement under subdivision (a) no later than 30 days after
21 the conclusion of the meeting of creditors held under
22 § 341(a) of the Code, or within 30 days after any amendment
23 to the statement, whichever is later.

24 ~~(e) — APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF~~
25 ~~UNSECURED CREDITORS. If a committee of unsecured~~
26 ~~creditors has been appointed under § 1102(a)(1), the case~~
27 ~~shall proceed as a small business case only if, and from the~~
28 ~~time when, the court enters an order determining that the~~
29 ~~committee has not been sufficiently active and~~
30 ~~representative to provide effective oversight of the debtor~~
31 ~~and that the debtor satisfies all the other requirements for~~
32 ~~being a small business. A request for a determination under~~
33 ~~this subdivision may be filed by the United States trustee or~~
34 ~~a party in interest only within a reasonable time after the~~
35 ~~failure of the committee to be sufficiently active and~~
36 ~~representative. The debtor may file a request for a~~

37 ~~determination at any time as to whether the committee has~~
38 ~~been sufficiently active and representative.~~

39 (d~~c~~) PROCEDURE FOR OBJECTION OR
40 DETERMINATION. Any objection or request for a
41 determination under this rule shall be governed by Rule 9014
42 and served on: the debtor; the debtor’s attorney; the United
43 States trustee; the trustee; the creditors included on the list
44 filed under Rule 1007(d) or, if any a committee has been
45 appointed under § 1102(a)(3), the committee or its
46 authorized agent, ~~or, if no committee of unsecured creditors~~
47 ~~has been appointed under § 1102, the creditors included on~~
48 ~~the list filed under Rule 1007(d);~~ and any other entity as the
49 court directs.

Committee Note

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 (“SBRA”), Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. The title and subdivision (a) of the rule are amended to include that option and to require a small business debtor to state in its voluntary petition, or in a statement filed within 14 days after the order for relief is

entered in an involuntary case, whether it elects to proceed under subchapter V.

Former subdivision (c) of the rule is deleted because the existence or level of activity of a creditors' committee is no longer a criterion for small-business-debtor status. The SBRA eliminated that portion of the definition of "small business debtor" in § 101(51D) of the Code.

Former subdivision (d) is redesignated as subdivision (c), and the list of entities to be served is revised to reflect that in most small business and subchapter V cases there will not be a committee of creditors.

1 **Rule 2009. Trustees for Estates When Joint**
2 **Administration Ordered**

3 (a) ELECTION OF SINGLE TRUSTEE FOR
4 ESTATES BEING JOINTLY ADMINISTERED. If the
5 court orders a joint administration of two or more estates
6 under Rule 1015(b), creditors may elect a single trustee for
7 the estates being jointly administered, unless the case is
8 under subchapter V of chapter 7 or subchapter V of chapter
9 11 of the Code.

10 (b) RIGHT OF CREDITORS TO ELECT
11 SEPARATE TRUSTEE. Notwithstanding entry of an order
12 for joint administration under Rule 1015(b), the creditors of
13 any debtor may elect a separate trustee for the estate of the
14 debtor as provided in § 702 of the Code, unless the case is
15 under subchapter V of chapter 7 or subchapter V of chapter
16 11 of the Code.

17 (c) APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR
18 ESTATES BEING JOINTLY ADMINISTERED.

19 (1) *Chapter 7 Liquidation Cases.* * * * * *

20 (2) *Chapter 11 Reorganization Cases.* If the

21 appointment of a trustee is ordered or is required by

22 the Code, the United States trustee may appoint one

23 or more trustees for estates being jointly

24 administered in chapter 11 cases.

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Committee Note

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. In a case under that subchapter, § 1183 of the Code requires the United States trustee to appoint a trustee, so there will be no election. Accordingly, subdivisions (a) and (b) of the rule are amended to except cases under subchapter V from their coverage. Subdivision (c)(2), which addresses the appointment of trustees in jointly administered chapter 11 cases, is amended to make it applicable to cases under subchapter V.

1 **Rule 2012. Substitution of Trustee or Successor**

2 **Trustee; Accounting**

3 (a) TRUSTEE. If a trustee is appointed in a chapter
4 11 case (other than under subchapter V), or the debtor is
5 removed as debtor in possession in a chapter 12 case or a
6 case under subchapter V of chapter 11, the trustee is
7 substituted automatically for the debtor in possession as a
8 party in any pending action, proceeding, or matter.

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Committee Note

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. Subdivision (a) of the rule is amended to include any case under that subchapter in which the debtor is removed as debtor in possession under § 1185 of the Code.

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1 **Rule 2015. Duty to Keep Records, Make Reports, and**
2 **Give Notice of Case or Change of Status**

3 (a) TRUSTEE OR DEBTOR IN POSSESSION. A
4 trustee or debtor in possession shall:

5 (1) in a chapter 7 liquidation case and, if the
6 court directs, in a chapter 11 reorganization case
7 (other than under subchapter V), file and transmit to
8 the United States trustee a complete inventory of the
9 property of the debtor within 30 days after qualifying
10 as a trustee or debtor in possession, unless such an
11 inventory has already been filed;

12 (2) keep a record of receipts and the
13 disposition of money and property received;

14 (3) file the reports and summaries required by
15 § 704(a)(8) of the Code, which shall include a
16 statement, if payments are made to employees, of the
17 amounts of deductions for all taxes required to be

18 withheld or paid for and in behalf of employees and
19 the place where these amounts are deposited;

20 (4) as soon as possible after the
21 commencement of the case, give notice of the case to
22 every entity known to be holding money or property
23 subject to withdrawal or order of the debtor,
24 including every bank, savings or building and loan
25 association, public utility company, and landlord
26 with whom the debtor has a deposit, and to every
27 insurance company which has issued a policy having
28 a cash surrender value payable to the debtor, except
29 that notice need not be given to any entity who has
30 knowledge or has previously been notified of the
31 case;

32 (5) in a chapter 11 reorganization case (other
33 than under subchapter V), on or before the last day
34 of the month after each calendar quarter during
35 which there is a duty to pay fees under 28 U.S.C.

36 § 1930(a)(6), file and transmit to the United States
37 trustee a statement of any disbursements made
38 during that quarter and of any fees payable under 28
39 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) for that quarter; and

40 (6) in a chapter 11 small business case, unless
41 the court, for cause, sets another reporting interval,
42 file and transmit to the United States trustee for each
43 calendar month after the order for relief, on the
44 appropriate Official Form, the report required by
45 § 308. If the order for relief is within the first 15 days
46 of a calendar month, a report shall be filed for the
47 portion of the month that follows the order for relief.
48 If the order for relief is after the 15th day of a
49 calendar month, the period for the remainder of the
50 month shall be included in the report for the next
51 calendar month. Each report shall be filed no later
52 than 21 days after the last day of the calendar month
53 following the month covered by the report. The

54 obligation to file reports under this subparagraph
55 terminates on the effective date of the plan, or
56 conversion or dismissal of the case.

57 (b) TRUSTEE, DEBTOR IN POSSESSION, AND
58 DEBTOR IN A CASE UNDER SUBCHAPTER V OF
59 CHAPTER 11. In a case under subchapter V of chapter 11,
60 the debtor in possession shall perform the duties prescribed
61 in (a)(2)–(4) and, if the court directs, shall file and transmit
62 to the United States trustee a complete inventory of the
63 debtor’s property within the time fixed by the court. If the
64 debtor is removed as debtor in possession, the trustee shall
65 perform the duties of the debtor in possession prescribed in
66 this subdivision (b). The debtor shall perform the duties
67 prescribed in (a)(6).

68 (~~b~~c) CHAPTER 12 TRUSTEE AND DEBTOR IN
69 POSSESSION. In a chapter 12 family farmer’s debt
70 adjustment case, the debtor in possession shall perform the
71 duties prescribed in clauses (2)–(4) of subdivision (a) of this

72 rule and, if the court directs, shall file and transmit to the
 73 United States trustee a complete inventory of the property of
 74 the debtor within the time fixed by the court. If the debtor is
 75 removed as debtor in possession, the trustee shall perform
 76 the duties of the debtor in possession prescribed in this
 77 ~~paragraph~~ subdivision (c).

78 ~~(e)~~ CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE AND
 79 DEBTOR.

80 (1) *Business Cases*. In a chapter 13
 81 individual's debt adjustment case, when the debtor is
 82 engaged in business, the debtor shall perform the
 83 duties prescribed by clauses (2)–(4) of subdivision
 84 (a) of this rule and, if the court directs, shall file and
 85 transmit to the United States trustee a complete
 86 inventory of the property of the debtor within the
 87 time fixed by the court.

88 (2) *Nonbusiness Cases*. In a chapter 13
 89 individual's debt adjustment case, when the debtor is

90 not engaged in business, the trustee shall perform the
91 duties prescribed by clause (2) of subdivision (a) of
92 this rule.

93 ~~(d)~~ FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE. In a case in
94 which the court has granted recognition of a foreign
95 proceeding under chapter 15, the foreign representative shall
96 file any notice required under § 1518 of the Code within 14
97 days after the date when the representative becomes aware
98 of the subsequent information.

99 ~~(e)~~ TRANSMISSION OF REPORTS. In a chapter
100 11 case the court may direct that copies or summaries of
101 annual reports and copies or summaries of other reports shall
102 be mailed to the creditors, equity security holders, and
103 indenture trustees. The court may also direct the publication
104 of summaries of any such reports. A copy of every report or
105 summary mailed or published pursuant to this subdivision
106 shall be transmitted to the United States trustee.

Committee Note

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. Subdivision (b) is amended to prescribe the duties of a debtor in possession, trustee, and debtor in a subchapter V case. Those cases are excepted from subdivision (a) because, unlike other chapter 11 cases, there will generally be both a trustee and a debtor in possession. Subdivision (b) also reflects that § 1187 of the Code prescribes reporting duties for the debtor in a subchapter V case.

Former subdivisions (b), (c), (d), and (e) are redesignated (c), (d), (e), and (f) respectively.

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1 **Rule 3010. Small Dividends and Payments in Cases**
2 **Under Chapter 7 Liquidation, Subchapter V of Chapter**
3 **11, Chapter 12 Family Farmer's Debt Adjustment, and**
4 **Chapter 13 Individual's Debt Adjustment Cases**

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6 (b) CASES UNDER SUBCHAPTER V OF
7 CHAPTER 11, CHAPTER 12, AND CHAPTER 13
8 CASES. In a case under subchapter V of chapter 11, chapter
9 12, or chapter 13, ease no payment in an amount less than
10 \$15 shall be distributed by the trustee to any creditor unless
11 authorized by local rule or order of the court. Funds not
12 distributed because of this subdivision shall accumulate and
13 shall be paid whenever the accumulation aggregates \$15.
14 Any funds remaining shall be distributed with the final
15 payment.

Committee Note

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter

V of chapter 11. To avoid the undue cost and inconvenience of distributing small payments, the title and subdivision (b) are amended to include subchapter V cases.

1 **Rule 3011. Unclaimed Funds in Cases Under Chapter 7**
2 **~~Liquidation,~~ Subchapter V of Chapter 11, Chapter 12**
3 **~~Family Farmer's Debt Adjustment,~~ and Chapter 13**
4 **~~Individual's Debt Adjustment Cases~~**

5 The trustee shall file a list of all known names and
6 addresses of the entities and the amounts which they are
7 entitled to be paid from remaining property of the estate that
8 is paid into court pursuant to § 347(a) of the Code.

Committee Note

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. The rule is amended to include such cases because § 347(a) of the Code applies to them.

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1 **Rule 3016. Filing of Plan and Disclosure Statement in a**
2 **Chapter 9 Municipality or Chapter 11 Reorganization**
3 **Case**

4 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF PLAN. Every proposed
5 plan and any modification thereof shall be dated and, in a
6 chapter 11 case, identified with the name of the entity or
7 entities submitting or filing it.

8 (b) DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. In a chapter 9 or
9 11 case, a disclosure statement, if required under § 1125 of
10 the Code, or evidence showing compliance with § 1126(b)
11 shall be filed with the plan or within a time fixed by the
12 court, unless the plan is intended to provide adequate
13 information under § 1125(f)(1). If the plan is intended to
14 provide adequate information under § 1125(f)(1), it shall be
15 so designated, and Rule 3017.1 shall apply as if the plan is a
16 disclosure statement.

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18 (d) STANDARD FORM SMALL BUSINESS
19 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN. In a small
20 business case or a case under subchapter V of chapter 11, the
21 court may approve a disclosure statement and may confirm
22 a plan that conform substantially to the appropriate Official
23 Forms or other standard forms approved by the court.

Committee Note

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. Subdivision (b) of the rule is amended to reflect that under § 1181(b) of the Code, § 1125 does not apply to subchapter V cases (and thus a disclosure statement is not required) unless the court for cause orders otherwise. Subdivision (d) is amended to include subchapter V cases as ones in which Official Forms are available for a reorganization plan and, when required, a disclosure statement.

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

_____ District of _____
(State)

Case number (if known): _____ Chapter you are filing under:

- Chapter 7
- Chapter 11
- Chapter 12
- Chapter 13

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use *you* and *Debtor 1* to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use *you* to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be *yes* if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself

	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
<p>1. Your full name</p> <p>Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver’s license or passport).</p> <p>Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>First name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Middle name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Last name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>First name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Middle name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Last name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)</p>
<p>2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years</p> <p>Include your married or maiden names.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>First name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Middle name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Last name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>First name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Middle name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Last name</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>First name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Middle name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Last name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>First name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Middle name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Last name</p>
<p>3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)</p>	<p>XXX – XX – _____</p> <p>OR</p> <p>9 XX – XX – _____</p>	<p>XXX – XX – _____</p> <p>OR</p> <p>9 XX – XX – _____</p>

About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years

Include trade names and doing business as names

I have not used any business names or EINs.

Business name

Business name

EIN

EIN

I have not used any business names or EINs.

Business name

Business name

EIN

EIN

5. Where you live

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

County

If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number Street

P.O. Box

City State ZIP Code

If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

County

If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number Street

P.O. Box

City State ZIP Code

6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy

Check one:

I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

Four horizontal lines for explanation.

Check one:

I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

Four horizontal lines for explanation.

Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.

Chapter 7

Chapter 11

Chapter 12

Chapter 13

8. **How you will pay the fee**

I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition. Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.

I need to pay the fee in installments. If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).

I request that my fee be waived (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.

9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?**

No

Yes. District _____ When _____ Case number _____
MM / DD / YYYY

District _____ When _____ Case number _____
MM / DD / YYYY

District _____ When _____ Case number _____
MM / DD / YYYY

10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?**

No

Yes. Debtor _____ Relationship to you _____
District _____ When _____ Case number, if known _____
MM / DD / YYYY

Debtor _____ Relationship to you _____
District _____ When _____ Case number, if known _____
MM / DD / YYYY

11. **Do you rent your residence?**

No. Go to line 12.

Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you?

No. Go to line 12.

Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it as part of this bankruptcy petition.

Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor

12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?

- No. Go to Part 4.
Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any
Number Street
City State ZIP Code

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

- Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
None of the above

13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?

For a definition of small business debtor, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).

- No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.
No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.
Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11, I am a small business according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code, and I do not choose to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.
Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11, I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code, and I choose to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.

Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention

14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?

- No
Yes. What is the hazard?

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

Where is the property?
Number Street

City State ZIP Code

Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy.

If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

Incapacity. I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

Disability. My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

Active duty. I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

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Incapacity. I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

Disability. My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

Active duty. I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes

16. What kind of debts do you have? 16a. Are your debts primarily consumer debts? 16b. Are your debts primarily business debts? 16c. State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts.

17. Are you filing under Chapter 7? Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?

18. How many creditors do you estimate that you owe? 1-49, 50-99, 100-199, 200-999, 1,000-5,000, 5,001-10,000, 10,001-25,000, 25,001-50,000, 50,001-100,000, More than 100,000

19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth? \$0-\$50,000, \$50,001-\$100,000, \$100,001-\$500,000, \$500,001-\$1 million, \$1,000,001-\$10 million, \$10,000,001-\$50 million, \$50,000,001-\$100 million, \$100,000,001-\$500 million, \$500,000,001-\$1 billion, \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion, \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion, More than \$50 billion

20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be? \$0-\$50,000, \$50,001-\$100,000, \$100,001-\$500,000, \$500,001-\$1 million, \$1,000,001-\$10 million, \$10,000,001-\$50 million, \$50,000,001-\$100 million, \$100,000,001-\$500 million, \$500,000,001-\$1 billion, \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion, \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion, More than \$50 billion

Part 7: Sign Below

For you I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct. If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7. If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

X Signature of Debtor 1 Executed on MM / DD / YYYY X Signature of Debtor 2 Executed on MM / DD / YYYY

Debtor 1

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Case number (if known) _____

For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

X

Signature of Attorney for Debtor Date
MM / DD / YYYY

Printed name

Firm name

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

Contact phone _____ Email address _____

Bar number State

For you if you are filing this bankruptcy without an attorney

If you are represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.

The law allows you, as an individual, to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, but **you should understand that many people find it extremely difficult to represent themselves successfully. Because bankruptcy has long-term financial and legal consequences, you are strongly urged to hire a qualified attorney.**

To be successful, you must correctly file and handle your bankruptcy case. The rules are very technical, and a mistake or inaction may affect your rights. For example, your case may be dismissed because you did not file a required document, pay a fee on time, attend a meeting or hearing, or cooperate with the court, case trustee, U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or audit firm if your case is selected for audit. If that happens, you could lose your right to file another case, or you may lose protections, including the benefit of the automatic stay.

You must list all your property and debts in the schedules that you are required to file with the court. Even if you plan to pay a particular debt outside of your bankruptcy, you must list that debt in your schedules. If you do not list a debt, the debt may not be discharged. If you do not list property or properly claim it as exempt, you may not be able to keep the property. The judge can also deny you a discharge of all your debts if you do something dishonest in your bankruptcy case, such as destroying or hiding property, falsifying records, or lying. Individual bankruptcy cases are randomly audited to determine if debtors have been accurate, truthful, and complete. **Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned.**

If you decide to file without an attorney, the court expects you to follow the rules as if you had hired an attorney. The court will not treat you differently because you are filing for yourself. To be successful, you must be familiar with the United States Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the local rules of the court in which your case is filed. You must also be familiar with any state exemption laws that apply.

Are you aware that filing for bankruptcy is a serious action with long-term financial and legal consequences?

- No
- Yes

Are you aware that bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime and that if your bankruptcy forms are inaccurate or incomplete, you could be fined or imprisoned?

- No
- Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out your bankruptcy forms?

- No
- Yes. Name of Person _____

Attach *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

By signing here, I acknowledge that I understand the risks involved in filing without an attorney. I have read and understood this notice, and I am aware that filing a bankruptcy case without an attorney may cause me to lose my rights or property if I do not properly handle the case.

x

Signature of Debtor 1

Date _____
MM / DD / YYYY

Contact phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email address _____

x

Signature of Debtor 2

Date _____
MM / DD / YYYY

Contact phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email address _____

Committee Note

Part 2, line 13 is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. Line 13 is amended to add a check box for a small business debtor to indicate that it is making that choice, and the existing check box for small business debtors is amended to allow the debtor to indicate that it is not electing to proceed under subchapter V.

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Fill in this information to identify the case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

_____ District of _____
(State)

Case number (if known): _____ Chapter _____

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

02/20

If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names, and *doing business* as names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)

_____ - _____

4. Debtor's address

Principal place of business

Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

Number Street

Number Street

P.O. Box

City State ZIP Code

City State ZIP Code

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

County

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL)

6. Type of debtor

- Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))
- Partnership (excluding LLP)
- Other. Specify: _____

7. Describe debtor's business

A. Check one:

- Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- None of the above

B. Check all that apply:

- Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501)
- Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3)
- Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes> .

____ - ____ - ____ - ____

8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?

Check one:

- Chapter 7
- Chapter 9
- Chapter 11. Check all that apply:
 - Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,725,625 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/22 and every 3 years after that).
 - The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
 - The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and it chooses to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.
 - A plan is being filed with this petition.
 - Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
 - The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.
 - The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.
- Chapter 12

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

- No
- Yes. District _____ When _____ Case number _____
MM / DD / YYYY
- District _____ When _____ Case number _____
MM / DD / YYYY

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

- No
- Yes. Debtor _____ Relationship _____
District _____ When _____
MM / DD / YYYY
Case number, if known _____

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list.

11. Why is the case filed in this district?

Check all that apply:

- Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?

- No
- Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.)

- It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.
What is the hazard? _____
- It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.
- It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).
- Other _____

Where is the property?

Number _____ Street _____

City _____ State ZIP Code _____

Is the property insured?

- No
- Yes. Insurance agency _____
Contact name _____
Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds

Check one:

- Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors

- 1-49
- 50-99
- 100-199
- 200-999
- 1,000-5,000
- 5,001-10,000
- 10,001-25,000
- 25,001-50,000
- 50,001-100,000
- More than 100,000

Debtor _____
Name

Case number (if known) _____

15. Estimated assets

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

16. Estimated liabilities

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____
MM / DD / YYYY

X

Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Printed name

Title

18. Signature of attorney

X

Signature of attorney for debtor

Date _____
MM / DD / YYYY

Printed name

Firm name

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

Contact phone

Email address

Bar number

State

Committee Note

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Information to identify the case:Debtor 1 _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Last 4 digits of Social Security number or ITIN _____

EIN _____

Debtor 2 _____
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

Last 4 digits of Social Security number or ITIN _____

EIN _____

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____
(State)[Date case filed for chapter 11 _____] OR
MM / DD / YYYY

Case number: _____

[Date case filed in chapter _____]
MM / DD / YYYYDate case converted to chapter 11 _____]
MM / DD / YYYY**Official Form 309E1 (For Individuals or Joint Debtors)****Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case****02/20**

For the debtors listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors and debtors, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtors or the debtors' property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, garnish wages, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtors. Creditors cannot demand repayment from debtors by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days or not exist at all, although debtors can ask the court to extend or impose a stay.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. Creditors who assert that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge of any debts or who want to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadlines specified in this notice. (See line 10 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at www.pacer.gov).

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

To help creditors correctly identify debtors, debtors submit full Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, which may appear on a version of this notice. However, the full numbers must not appear on any document filed with the court.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case. Do not include more than the last four digits of a Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number in any document, including attachments, that you file with the court.

	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2:
1. Debtor's full name		
2. All other names used in the last 8 years		
3. Address		If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:
4. Debtor's attorney Name and address		Contact phone _____ Email _____
5. Bankruptcy clerk's office Documents in this case may be filed at this address. You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at www.pacer.gov .		Hours open _____ Contact phone _____

For more information, see page 2 ►

6. Meeting of creditors

Debtors must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. In a joint case, both spouses must attend.
Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.

_____ at _____
Date Time

Location:

The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.

7. Deadlines

The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive these documents and any required filing fee by the following deadlines.

File by the deadline to object to discharge or to challenge whether certain debts are dischargeable:

You must file a complaint:

- if you assert that the debtor is not entitled to receive a discharge of any debts under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(3) or
- if you want to have a debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2), (4), or (6).

First date set for hearing on confirmation of plan. The court will send you a notice of that date later.

Filing deadline for dischargeability complaints: _____

Deadline for filing proof of claim:

[Not yet set. If a deadline is set, the court will send you another notice.] or
[date, if set by the court]

A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at www.uscourts.gov or any bankruptcy clerk's office.

Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:

- your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*;
- you file a proof of claim in a different amount; or
- you receive another notice.

If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*, you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.

You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at www.pacer.gov.

Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.

Deadline to object to exemptions:

The law permits debtors to keep certain property as exempt. If you believe that the law does not authorize an exemption claimed, you may file an objection.

Filing deadline: 30 days after the *conclusion* of the meeting of creditors

8. Creditors with a foreign address

If you are a creditor receiving mailed notice at a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.

9. Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case

Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate the debtor's business.

10. Discharge of debts

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of a debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). However, unless the court orders otherwise, the debts will not be discharged until all payments under the plan are made. A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtors personally except as provided in the plan. If you believe that a particular debt owed to you should be excepted from the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523 (a)(2), (4), or (6), you must file a complaint and pay the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline. If you believe that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge of any of their debts under 11 U.S.C. § 1141 (d)(3), you must file a complaint and pay the filing fee in the clerk's office by the first date set for the hearing on confirmation of the plan. The court will send you another notice telling you of that date.

11. Exempt property

The law allows debtors to keep certain property as exempt. Fully exempt property will not be sold and distributed to creditors, even if the case is converted to chapter 7. Debtors must file a list of property claimed as exempt. You may inspect that list at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at www.pacer.gov. If you believe that the law does not authorize an exemption that the debtors claim, you may file an objection. The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive the objection by the deadline to object to exemptions in line 7.

Information to identify the case:

Debtor 1 _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Last 4 digits of Social Security number or ITIN _____

EIN _____

Debtor 2 _____
 (Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

Last 4 digits of Social Security number or ITIN _____

EIN _____

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____
(State)

[Date case filed for chapter 11 _____] OR
MM / DD / YYYY

Case number: _____

[Date case filed in chapter _____]
MM / DD / YYYY

Date case converted to chapter 11 _____]
MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 309E2 (For Individuals or Joint Debtors under Subchapter V)

Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case

02/20

For the debtors listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors and debtors, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtors or the debtors' property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, garnish wages, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtors. Creditors cannot demand repayment from debtors by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days or not exist at all, although debtors can ask the court to extend or impose a stay.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. Creditors who assert that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge of any debts or who want to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadlines specified in this notice. (See line 10 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at www.pacer.gov).

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

To help creditors correctly identify debtors, debtors submit full Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, which may appear on a version of this notice. However, the full numbers must not appear on any document filed with the court.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case. Do not include more than the last four digits of a Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number in any document, including attachments, that you file with the court.

About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2:
1. Debtor's full name	
2. All other names used in the last 8 years	
3. Address	If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:
4. Debtor's attorney Name and address	Contact phone _____ Email _____
5. Bankruptcy Trustee	Contact phone _____ Email _____

For more information, see page 2 ►

<p>6. Bankruptcy clerk's office Documents in this case may be filed at this address. You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at www.pacer.gov.</p>	Hours open _____ Contact phone _____
<p>7. Meeting of creditors Meeting of creditors Debtors must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. In a joint case, both spouses must attend. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.</p>	_____ at _____ Date Time Location: The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.
<p>8. Deadlines The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive these documents and any required filing fee by the following deadlines.</p>	<p>File by the deadline to object to discharge or to challenge whether certain debts are dischargeable:</p> <p>You must file a complaint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> if you assert that the debtor is not entitled to receive a discharge of any debts under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(3) or <input type="checkbox"/> if you want to have a debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2), (4), or (6). <p>Deadline for filing proof of claim:</p> <p>A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at www.uscourts.gov or any bankruptcy clerk's office.</p> <p>Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> your claim is designated as <i>disputed</i>, <i>contingent</i>, or <i>unliquidated</i>; <input type="checkbox"/> you file a proof of claim in a different amount; or <input type="checkbox"/> you receive another notice. <p>If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as <i>disputed</i>, <i>contingent</i>, or <i>unliquidated</i>, you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.</p> <p>You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at www.pacer.gov.</p> <p>Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.</p>
<p>9. Creditors with a foreign address</p>	<p>If you are a creditor receiving mailed notice at a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.</p>
<p>10. Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case</p>	<p>Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. The debtor will generally remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate the debtor's business.</p>

For more information, see page 3 ►

11. Discharge of debts

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of a debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). However, in some cases the debts will not be discharged until all or a substantial portion of payments under the plan are made. See 11 U.S.C. § 1192. A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtors personally except as provided in the plan. If you believe that a particular debt owed to you should be excepted from the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523 (a)(2), (4), or (6), you must file a complaint and pay the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline. If you believe that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge of any of their debts under 11 U.S.C. § 1141 (d)(3), you must file a complaint and pay the filing fee in the clerk's office by the first date set for the hearing on confirmation of the plan. The court will send you another notice telling you of that date.

12. Exempt property

The law allows debtors to keep certain property as exempt. Fully exempt property will not be sold and distributed to creditors, even if the case is converted to chapter 7. Debtors must file a list of property claimed as exempt. You may inspect that list at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at www.pacer.gov. If you believe that the law does not authorize an exemption that the debtors claim, you may file an objection. The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive the objection by the deadline to object to exemptions in line 7.

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Information to identify the case:

Debtor _____ Name	EIN _____
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____ (State)	[Date case filed for chapter 11 _____ MM / DD / YYYY OR
Case number: _____	[Date case filed in chapter _____ MM / DD / YYYY
	Date case converted to chapter 11 _____ MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 309F1 (For Corporations or Partnerships)**Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case****02/20**

For the debtor listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors, debtors, and trustees, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtor or the debtor's property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtor. Creditors cannot demand repayment from the debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. A creditor who wants to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. (See line 11 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at www.pacer.gov).

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case.

1. **Debtor's full name**

2. **All other names used in the last 8 years**

3. **Address**

4. **Debtor's attorney**

Name and address

Contact phone _____

Email _____

5. **Bankruptcy clerk's office**

Documents in this case may be filed at this address.

You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at www.pacer.gov.

Hours open _____

Contact phone _____

6. **Meeting of creditors**

The debtor's representative must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath.

Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.

_____ at _____
Date Time

Location:

The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.

For more information, see page 2 ►

7. Proof of claim deadline**Deadline for filing proof of claim:**

[Not yet set. If a deadline is set, the court will send you another notice.] or

[date, if set by the court]

A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at www.uscourts.gov or any bankruptcy clerk's office.

Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:

- your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*;
- you file a proof of claim in a different amount; or
- you receive another notice.

If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*, you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.

You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at www.pacer.gov.

Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.

8. Exception to discharge deadline

The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive a complaint and any required filing fee by the following deadline.

If § 523(c) applies to your claim and you seek to have it excepted from discharge, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint by the deadline stated below.

Deadline for filing the complaint: _____**9. Creditors with a foreign address**

If you are a creditor receiving notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.

10. Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case

Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate its business.

11. Discharge of debts

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtor except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt owed to you excepted from the discharge and § 523(c) applies to your claim, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint and paying the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.

Information to identify the case:

Debtor _____ Name	EIN _____
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____ (State)	[Date case filed for chapter 11 _____ MM / DD / YYYY OR
Case number: _____	[Date case filed in chapter _____ MM / DD / YYYY
	Date case converted to chapter 11 _____ MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 309F2 (For Corporations or Partnerships under Subchapter V)

Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case

02/20

For the debtor listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors, debtors, and trustees, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

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Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. A creditor who wants to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. (See line 11 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at www.pacer.gov).

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case.

1. Debtor's full name	
2. All other names used in the last 8 years	
3. Address	
4. Debtor's attorney Name and address	Contact phone _____ Email _____
5. Bankruptcy Trustee	Contact phone _____ Email _____
6. Bankruptcy clerk's office Documents in this case may be filed at this address. You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at www.pacer.gov .	Hours open _____ Contact phone _____

For more information, see page 2 ►

7. Meeting of creditors

The debtor's representative must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.

_____ at _____
 Date Time

Location:

The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.

8. Proof of claim deadline

Deadline for filing proof of claim:

[Not yet set. If a deadline is set, the court will send you another notice.] or

[date, if set by the court]

A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at www.uscourts.gov or any bankruptcy clerk's office.

Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:

- your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*;
- you file a proof of claim in a different amount; or
- you receive another notice.

If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*, you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.

You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at www.pacer.gov.

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9. Exception to discharge deadline

The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive a complaint and any required filing fee by the following deadline.

If § 523(c) applies to your claim and you seek to have it excepted from discharge, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint by the deadline stated below.

Deadline for filing the complaint: _____

10. Creditors with a foreign address

If you are a creditor receiving notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.

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Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. **The debtor will generally remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate the debtor's business.**

12. Discharge of debts

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). **However, in some cases a discharge may not be granted until a substantial portion of payments due under the plan have been made. See 11 U.S.C. § 1192.** A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtor except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt owed to you excepted from the discharge and § 523(c) applies to your claim, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint and paying the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.

COMMITTEE NOTE

Official Forms 309E2 and 309F2 are new. They are promulgated in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11.

Because a trustee is always appointed in a subchapter V case, both forms require the name and contact information of the trustee to be provided. The forms also reflect that in subchapter V cases there will generally be both a debtor in possession and a trustee and that a discharge may be granted either upon confirmation or after the payments due during the first three to five years of the plan have been made.

Previously existing Official Forms 309E and 309F have been renumbered 309E1 and 309F1, respectively.

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[Caption as in 416A]

Class [] Ballot for Accepting or Rejecting Plan of Reorganization

[Proponent] filed a plan of reorganization dated [Date] (the Plan) for the Debtor in this case. {The Court has [conditionally] approved a disclosure statement with respect to the Plan (the Disclosure Statement). The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding how to vote your ballot. If you do not have a Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from [name, address, telephone number and telecopy number of proponent/proponent's attorney.]}

{Court approval of the disclosure statement does not indicate approval of the Plan by the Court.}

You should review {the Disclosure Statement and} the Plan before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and your classification and treatment under the Plan. Your [claim] [equity interest] has been placed in class [] under the Plan. If you hold claims or equity interests in more than one class, you will receive a ballot for each class in which you are entitled to vote.

If your ballot is not received by [name and address of proponent's attorney or other appropriate address] on or before [date], and such deadline is not extended, your vote will not count as either an acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote.

Acceptance or Rejection of the Plan

[At this point the ballot should provide for voting by the particular class of creditors or equity holders receiving the ballot using one of the following alternatives:]

[If the voter is the holder of a secured, priority, or unsecured nonpriority claim:]

The undersigned, the holder of a Class [] claim against the Debtor in the unpaid amount of Dollars (\$)

[or, if the voter is the holder of a bond, debenture, or other debt security:]

The undersigned, the holder of a Class [] claim against the Debtor, consisting of Dollars (\$) principal amount of [describe bond, debenture, or other debt security] of the Debtor (For purposes of this Ballot, it is not necessary and you should not adjust the principal amount for any accrued or unmatured interest.)

[or, if the voter is the holder of an equity interest:]

The undersigned, the holder of Class [] equity interest in the Debtor, consisting of _____ shares or other interests of [describe equity interest] in the Debtor

[In each case, the following language should be included:]

Check one box only

Accepts the plan

Rejects the plan

Dated: _____

Print or type name: _____

Signature: _____ Title (if corporation or partnership) _____

Address: _____

Return this ballot to:

[Name and address of proponent's attorney or other appropriate address]

Committee Note

This form is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. The first three paragraphs of the form are amended to place braces around all references to a disclosure statement. Section 1125 of the Code does not apply to subchapter V cases unless the court for cause orders otherwise. See Code § 1181(b). Thus, in most chapter V cases there will not be a disclosure statement, and the language in braces on the form should not be included on the ballot.

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[Caption as in 416A]

Order Confirming Plan

The plan under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code filed by _____, on _____ [if applicable, as modified by a modification filed on _____], or a summary thereof, having been transmitted to creditors and equity security holders; and

It having been determined after hearing on notice that the requirements for confirmation set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a) [or, if appropriate, 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b), 1191(a), or 1191(b)] have been satisfied;

IT IS ORDERED that:

The plan filed by _____, on _____, [If appropriate, include dates and any other pertinent details of modifications to the plan] is confirmed. [If the plan provides for an injunction against conduct not otherwise enjoined under the Code, include the information required by Rule 3020.]

A copy of the confirmed plan is attached.

MM / DD / YYYY

By the court: _____
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Committee Note

This form is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. Citations to the statutory provisions governing confirmation in such cases are added to the form for the court to include as appropriate.

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor Name _____

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____
(State)

Case number: _____

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 425A

Plan of Reorganization for Small Business Under Chapter 11

02/20

[Name of Proponent]’s Plan of Reorganization, Dated [Insert Date]

[If this plan is for a small business debtor under Subchapter V, 11 U.S.C. § 1190 requires that it include “(A) a brief history of the business operations of the debtor; (B) a liquidation analysis; and (C) projections with respect to the ability of the debtor to make payments under the proposed plan of reorganization.” The Background section below may be used for that purpose. Otherwise, the Background section can be deleted from the form, and the Plan can start with “Article 1, Summary”]

Background for Cases Filed Under Subchapter V

A. Description and History of the Debtor’s Business

The Debtor is a [corporation, partnership, etc.]. Since [insert year operations commenced], the Debtor has been in the business of _____. [Describe the Debtor’s business].

B. Liquidation Analysis

To confirm the Plan, the Court must find that all creditors and equity interest holders who do not accept the Plan will receive at least as much under the Plan as such claim and equity interest holders would receive in a chapter 7 liquidation. A liquidation analysis is attached to the Plan as Exhibit _____.

C. Ability to make future plan payments and operate without further reorganization

The Plan Proponent must also show that it will have enough cash over the life of the Plan to make the required Plan payments and operate the debtor’s business.

The Plan Proponent has provided projected financial information as Exhibit _____.

The Plan Proponent’s financial projections show that the Debtor will have projected disposable income (as defined by § 1191(d) of the Bankruptcy Code) for the period described in § 1191(c)(2) of \$ _____.

The final Plan payment is expected to be paid on _____.

[Summarize the numerical projections, and highlight any assumptions that are not in accord with past experience. Explain why such assumptions should now be made.]

You should consult with your accountant or other financial advisor if you have any questions pertaining to these projections.

Article 1: Summary

This Plan of Reorganization (the *Plan*) under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the *Code*) proposes to pay creditors of [insert the name of the Debtor] (the *Debtor*) from [Specify sources of payment, such as an infusion of capital, loan proceeds, sale of assets, cash flow from operations, or future income].

This Plan provides for: classes of priority claims;
 classes of secured claims;
 classes of non-priority unsecured claims; and
 classes of equity security holders.

Non-priority unsecured creditors holding allowed claims will receive distributions, which the proponent of this Plan has valued at approximately cents on the dollar. This Plan also provides for the payment of administrative and priority claims. All creditors and equity security holders should refer to Articles 3 through 6 of this Plan for information regarding the precise treatment of their claim. A disclosure statement that provides more detailed information regarding this Plan and the rights of creditors and equity security holders has been circulated with this Plan. **Your rights may be affected. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one. (If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.)**

Article 2: Classification of Claims and Interests

- 2.01 **Class 1** All allowed claims entitled to priority under § 507(a) of the Code (except administrative expense claims under § 507(a)(2), ["gap" period claims in an involuntary case under § 507(a)(3),] and priority tax claims under § 507(a)(8)).
[Add classes of priority claims, if applicable]

- 2.02 **Class 2** The claim of , to the extent allowed as a secured claim under § 506 of the Code.

[Add other classes of secured creditors, if any. *Note:* Section 1129(a)(9)(D) of the Code provides that a secured tax claim which would otherwise meet the description of a priority tax claim under § 507(a)(8) of the Code is to be paid in the same manner and over the same period as prescribed in § 507(a)(8).]

- 2.03 **Class 3** All non-priority unsecured claims allowed under § 502 of the Code.
[Add other classes of unsecured claims, if any.]

- 2.04 **Class 4** Equity interests of the Debtor. [If the Debtor is an individual, change this heading to *The interests of the individual Debtor in property of the estate.*]

Article 3: Treatment of Administrative Expense Claims, Priority Tax Claims, and Quarterly and Court Fees

- 3.01 **Unclassified claims** Under section § 1123(a)(1), administrative expense claims, ["gap" period claims in an involuntary case allowed under § 502(f) of the Code,] and priority tax claims are not in classes.

- 3.02 **Administrative expense claims** Each holder of an administrative expense claim allowed under § 503 of the Code, [and a "gap" claim in an involuntary case allowed under § 502(f) of the Code,] will be paid in full on the effective date of this Plan, in cash, or upon such other terms as may be agreed upon by the holder of the claim and the Debtor.

- 3.03 **Priority tax claims** Each holder of a priority tax claim will be paid [Specify terms of treatment consistent with § 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Code].

- 3.04 **Statutory fees** All fees required to be paid under 28 U.S.C. § 1930 that are owed on or before the

effective date of this Plan have been paid or will be paid on the effective date.

3.05 **Prospective quarterly fees** All quarterly fees required to be paid under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) or (a)(7) will accrue and be timely paid until the case is closed, dismissed, or converted to another chapter of the Code.

Article 4: Treatment of Claims and Interests Under the Plan

4.01 **Claims and interests shall be treated as follows under this Plan:**

Class	Impairment	Treatment
Class 1 - Priority claims excluding those in Article 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Impaired <input type="checkbox"/> Unimpaired	[Insert treatment of priority claims in this Class, including the form, amount and timing of distribution, if any. For example: "Class 1 is unimpaired by this Plan, and each holder of a Class 1 Priority Claim will be paid in full, in cash, upon the later of the effective date of this Plan, or the date on which such claim is allowed by a final non-appealable order. Except: [_____]"] [Add classes of priority claims if applicable]
Class 2 – Secured claim of [Insert name of secured creditor.]	<input type="checkbox"/> Impaired <input type="checkbox"/> Unimpaired	[Insert treatment of secured claim in this Class, including the form, amount and timing of distribution, if any.] [Add classes of secured claims if applicable]
Class 3 – Non-priority unsecured creditors	<input type="checkbox"/> Impaired <input type="checkbox"/> Unimpaired	[Insert treatment of unsecured creditors in this Class, including the form, amount and timing of distribution, if any.] [Add administrative convenience class if applicable]
Class 4 - Equity security holders of the Debtor	<input type="checkbox"/> Impaired <input type="checkbox"/> Unimpaired	[Insert treatment of equity security holders in this Class, including the form, amount and timing of distribution, if any.]

Article 5: Allowance and Disallowance of Claims

5.01 **Disputed claim** A *disputed claim* is a claim that has not been allowed or disallowed [by a final non-appealable order], and as to which either:

- (i) a proof of claim has been filed or deemed filed, and the Debtor or another party in interest has filed an objection; or
- (ii) no proof of claim has been filed, and the Debtor has scheduled such claim as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated.

5.02 **Delay of distribution on a disputed claim** No distribution will be made on account of a disputed claim unless such claim is allowed [by a final non-appealable order].

5.03 **Settlement of disputed claims** The Debtor will have the power and authority to settle and compromise a disputed claim with court approval and compliance with Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

Article 6: Provisions for Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

6.01 **Assumed executory contracts and unexpired leases** (a) The Debtor assumes, and if applicable assigns, the following executory contracts and unexpired leases as of the effective date:
 [List assumed, or if applicable assigned, executory contracts and unexpired leases.]

(b) Except for executory contracts and unexpired leases that have been assumed, and if applicable assigned, before the effective date or under section 6.01(a) of this Plan, or that are the subject of a pending motion to assume, and if applicable assign, the Debtor will be conclusively deemed to have rejected all executory contracts and unexpired leases as of the effective date.

A proof of a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease under this section must be filed no later than days after the date of the order confirming this Plan.

Article 7: Means for Implementation of the Plan

[Insert here provisions regarding how the plan will be implemented as required under § 1123(a)(5) of the Code. For example, provisions may include those that set out how the plan will be funded, including any claims reserve to be established in connection with the plan, as well as who will be serving as directors, officers or voting trustees of the reorganized Debtor.]

Article 8: General Provisions

8.01 **Definitions and rules of construction**

The definitions and rules of construction set forth in §§ 101 and 102 of the Code shall apply when terms defined or construed in the Code are used in this Plan, and they are supplemented by the following definitions:

[Insert additional definitions if necessary].

8.02 **Effective date**

The effective date of this Plan is the first business day following the date that is 14 days after the entry of the confirmation order. If, however, a stay of the confirmation order is in effect on that date, the effective date will be the first business day after the date on which the stay expires or is otherwise terminated.

8.03 **Severability**

If any provision in this Plan is determined to be unenforceable, the determination will in no way limit or affect the enforceability and operative effect of any other provision of this Plan.

8.04 **Binding effect**

The rights and obligations of any entity named or referred to in this Plan will be binding upon, and will inure to the benefit of the successors or assigns of such entity.

8.05 **Captions**

The headings contained in this Plan are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Plan.

[8.06 **Controlling effect**

Unless a rule of law or procedure is supplied by federal law (including the Code or the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure), the laws of the State of govern this Plan and any agreements, documents, and instruments executed in connection with this Plan, except as otherwise provided in this Plan.]

[8.07 **Corporate governance**

[If the Debtor is a corporation include provisions required by § 1123(a)(6) of the Code.]

[8.08 **Retention of Jurisdiction**

Language addressing the extent and the scope of the bankruptcy court's jurisdiction

after the effective date of the plan.]

Article 9: Discharge

[Include the appropriate provision in the Plan]

[No Discharge -- Section 1141(d)(3) IS applicable.]

In accordance with § 11(41)(d)(3) of the Code, the Debtor will not receive any discharge of debt in this bankruptcy case.

[Discharge -- Section 1141(d)(3) IS NOT applicable; use one of the alternatives below]

[The following 3 alternatives apply to cases in which a discharge is applicable and the Debtor DID NOT elect to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.]

[Discharge if the Debtor is an individual and did not proceed under Subchapter V]

Confirmation of this Plan does not discharge any debt provided for in this Plan until the court grants a discharge on completion of all payments under this Plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1141(d)(5) of the Code. The Debtor will not be discharged from any debt excepted from discharge under § 523 of the Code, except as provided in Rule 4007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

[Discharge if the Debtor is a partnership and did not proceed under Subchapter V]

On the effective date of this Plan, the Debtor will be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of this Plan, to the extent specified in § 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Code. The Debtor will not be discharged from any debt imposed by this Plan.

[Discharge if the Debtor is a corporation and did not proceed under Subchapter V]

On the effective date of this Plan, the Debtor will be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of this Plan, to the extent specified in § 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Code, except that the Debtor will not be discharged of any debt:

- (i) imposed by this Plan; or
- (ii) to the extent provided in § 1141(d)(6).

[The following 3 alternatives apply to cases in which the Debtor DID elect to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.]

[Discharge if the Debtor is an individual under Subchapter V]

If the Debtor's Plan is confirmed under § 1191(a), on the effective date of the Plan, the Debtor will be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of this Plan, to the extent specified in § 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Code. The Debtor will not be discharged from any debt:

- (i) imposed by this Plan; or
- (ii) excepted from discharge under § 523(a) of the Code, except as provided in Rule 4007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

If the Debtor's Plan is confirmed under § 1191(b), confirmation of the Plan does not discharge any debt provided for in this Plan until the court grants a discharge on completion of all payments due within the first 3 years of this Plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1192 of the Code. The Debtor will not be discharged from any debt:

- (i) on which the last payment is due after the first 3 years of the plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1192;

or
(ii) excepted from discharge under § 523(a) of the Code, except as provided in Rule 4007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

[Discharge if the Debtor is a partnership under Subchapter V]

If the Debtor’s Plan is confirmed under § 1191(a), on the effective date of the Plan, the Debtor will be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of this Plan, to the extent specified in § 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Code. The Debtor will not be discharged from any debt imposed by this Plan.

If the Debtor’s Plan is confirmed under § 1191(b), confirmation of the Plan does not discharge any debt provided for in this Plan until the court grants a discharge on completion of all payments due within the first 3 years of this Plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1192 of the Code. The Debtor will not be discharged from any debt:

- (i) on which the last payment is due after the first 3 years of the plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1192;
- or
- (ii) excepted from discharge under § 523(a) of the Code, except as provided in Rule 4007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

[Discharge if the Debtor is a corporation under Subchapter V]

If the Debtor’s Plan is confirmed under § 1191(a), on the effective date of the Plan, the Debtor will be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of this Plan, to the extent specified in § 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Code, except that the Debtor will not be discharged of any debt:

- (i) imposed by this Plan; or
- (ii) to the extent provided in § 1141(d)(6).

If the Debtor’s Plan is confirmed under § 1191(b), confirmation of this Plan does not discharge any debt provided for in this Plan until the court grants a discharge on completion of all payments due within the first 3 years of this Plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1192 of the Code. The Debtor will not be discharged from any debt:

- (i) on which the last payment is due after the first 3 years of the plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1192;
- or
- (ii) excepted from discharge under § 523(a) of the Code, except as provided in Rule 4007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

Article 10: Other Provisions

[Insert other provisions, as applicable.]

Respectfully submitted,

x _____
 [Signature of the Plan Proponent] [Printed Name]

x _____
 [Signature of the Attorney for the Plan Proponent] [Printed Name]

Committee Note

This form is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. Because there will generally not be a disclosure statement in subchapter V cases, § 1190 of the Code provides that plans in those cases must include a brief history of the debtor's business operations, a liquidation analysis, and projections of the debtor's ability to make payments under the plan. Those provisions are added to a new Background section of the form with an indication that they are to be included in plans only in subchapter V cases.

Article 9 of the form is amended to include descriptions of the effect of a discharge in a case under subchapter V. The plan proponent is directed to include in the plan the particular provision that is appropriate for the case.



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