

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE AND  
OFFICIAL BANKRUPTCY FORMS**

Congress has taken no action on the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence adopted by the Supreme Court and transmitted to Congress on April 27, 2017. Under the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071-75, amendments to the following rules take effect today, December 1, 2017:

**Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure**

Rule 4                                      Appeal as of Right—When Taken

**Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure**

Rule 1001                                  Scope of Rules and Forms; Short Title  
Rule 1006                                  Filing Fee  
Rule 1015                                  Consolidation or Joint Administration of Cases Pending in Same Court  
Rule 2002                                  Notices to Creditors, Equity Security Holders, Administrators in Foreign Proceedings, Persons Against Whom Provisional Relief is Sought in Ancillary and Other Cross-Border Cases, United States, and United States Trustee  
  
Rule 3002                                  Filing Proof of Claim or Interest  
Rule 3007                                  Objections to Claims  
Rule 3012                                  Determining the Amount of Secured and Priority Claims  
Rule 3015                                  Filing, Objection to Confirmation, Effect of Confirmation, and Modification of a Plan in a Chapter 12 or a Chapter 13 Case  
Rule 3015.1(new)                        Requirements for a Local Form for Plans Filed in a Chapter 13 Case  
Rule 4003                                  Exemptions  
Rule 5009                                  Closing Chapter 7, Chapter 12, Chapter 13, and Chapter 15 Cases; Order Declaring Lien Satisfied  
  
Rule 7001                                  Scope of Rules of Part VII  
Rule 9009                                  Forms

**Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**

Rule 4                                      Summons

**Federal Rules of Evidence**

Rule 803                                  Exceptions to the Rule Against Hearsay—Regardless of Whether the Declarant Is Available as a Witness  
Rule 902                                  Evidence That Is Self-Authenticating

Under 28 U.S.C. § 2074(a) and the Supreme Court orders dated April 27, 2017, the amendments will govern all proceedings commenced on or after December 1, 2017, and all proceedings then pending “insofar as just and practicable.” The text of the new and amended

rules and accompanying committee notes—along with extensive supporting documentation related to their adoption—are posted on the “Current Rules” page of the Judiciary’s website at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/current-rules-practice-procedure>.

In addition, the following new and amended official bankruptcy forms are effective on December 1, 2017. As approved by the Judicial Conference, the forms govern all proceedings in bankruptcy cases thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings then pending. The amended forms are posted on the website at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms>.

**Official Bankruptcy Forms**

Official Form 101	Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy
Official Form 113	Chapter 13 Plan
Official Form 309F	For Corporations or Partnerships; Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case
Official Form 309G	For Individuals or Joint Debtors; Notice of Chapter 12 Bankruptcy Case

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