

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
HAMMOND DIVISION

IN RE: )  
 )  
LACEY MARIE TRZECIAK, ) CASE NO. 06-61379 JPK  
 ) Chapter 7  
Debtor. )

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

As stated in the Form B9A Notice issued on July 20, 2006, the debtor was to have filed a certification of completion of an instructional course concerning personal financial management (Official Form 23) within 60 days of the meeting of creditors. The meeting of creditors was concluded on March 28, 2007, and the certification was thus due to be filed by May 27, 2007. On July 3, 2007, the debtor's counsel filed a Motion to Extend Time for Debtor to Complete Final Credit Counseling, which requests an extension of time for the satisfaction of the foregoing requirements through July 18, 2007. This motion was accompanied by a notice, apparently in the form of that provided by N.D. Ind.L.B.R. B-2002-2. As of August 2, 2007, no certification of completion of the instructional course has been filed.

First, the utilization of a "drop dead" procedure in this context is not within the scope of N.D. Ind.L.B.R. B-2002-2, and the notice utilized by debtor's counsel is of no effect.

Secondly, motions for extension of time must be filed prior to the termination of the deadline for which they seek extension, which was not done here.

Third, even if the motion for extension of time were granted, the debtor failed to file the required certification by the date to which extension was requested.

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Extend Time for Debtor to Complete Final Credit Counseling is Denied.

Dated at Hammond, Indiana on August 9, 2007.

/s/ J. Philip Klingeberger  
J. Philip Klingeberger, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

Distribution:  
Debtor, Attorney for Debtor  
Trustee, US Trustee