



## NOTICE TO THE BAR

This notice advises practitioners of a change in the court's enforcement policy regarding the minimum filing requirements to commence a case. N.D. Ind. L.B.R. B-1002-1(a) states that:

The minimum filing requirements necessary to initiate a voluntary case under title 11 of the United States Code are set forth in the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Official Forms. At the time of the adoption of these rules they require:

- (1) The petition and, if the debtor has issued publicly-traded securities and is filing for relief under Chapter 11, exhibit "A" to the voluntary petition (11 U.S.C. § 301, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1002 and Official Form 1);
- (2) The appropriate filing fee, or, in an individual case, an application to either pay the filing fee in installments or, if the case is filed under Chapter 7, to waive that fee. (Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006, Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1006(c));
- (3) Any miscellaneous fee applicable to the case (28 U.S.C. § 1930(b) and Bankruptcy Court Fee Schedule);
- (4) A list of all creditors or a schedule of liabilities or a motion, together with a notice of the motion, directed to the United States trustee, for an extension of time to file the required list (Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(a)); and
- (5) In cases under Chapter 9 and Chapter 11 a list of the creditors holding the twenty largest unsecured claims (Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(d)).

Effective April 1, 2008, the court will strictly enforce these requirements. In particular, the court will no longer issue orders to counsel directing payment of fees within three days.

Please contact me at 574-968-2230 if you need any additional information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Christopher M. DeToro  
Clerk of Court

Dated: March 11, 2008