

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE )  
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**ORDER AMENDING LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES**

Notice of proposed amendments to the local rules of this court was given to the bar and the public on June 22, 2009. The last date for submitting comments concerning the proposed amendment was July 22, 2009, and the court has considered all comments received. Effective immediately, the local rules of the court are amended as follows.

1. The first paragraph of local bankruptcy rule B-4003-1 is designated as paragraph (a) and the rule is amended by adding paragraph (b) which reads:

(b) The amount of a claimed exemption shall be limited by the dollar "Value of Claimed Exemption" listed on Schedule C regardless of the value of the asset. A debtor intending to claim an exemption which is not limited by a dollar amount shall indicate on Schedule C that the "Value of Claimed Exemption" is "ALL."

2. The court adopts a new local bankruptcy rule B-6007-1, titled "Trustee's Notice of Abandonment," which reads:

(a) A trustee's or debtor-in-possession's notice of abandonment, served pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 554(a) and Rule 6007(a), (not a motion to abandon filed by a party in interest pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 554(b) and Rule 6007(b)) shall:

- (1) identify the property to be abandoned;
- (2) state the reason for the proposed abandonment; and
- (3) state the date by which objections are to be filed, which shall be no less than 14 days from the date the notice is served, and where objections should be filed.

Except as authorized by local bankruptcy rule B-2002-3 or an order of the court, the notice shall be served upon all creditors and parties in interest and due proof thereof filed with the court.

(b) A no asset report is not a notice of abandonment.

3. Local bankruptcy rule B-7037-1 is amended to read as follows:

The court may deny any discovery motion (except those involving *pro se* litigants) unless the motion is accompanied by the certification required by Rules 26(c)(1), 37(a)(1), and 37(d)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The certification shall be filed as a separate document and shall, in addition to the information required under the appropriate Federal Rule, also recite the date, time, and place of the conference or attempted conference and the names of all persons participating therein. If counsel for any party advises the court in writing that opposing counsel has refused or delayed meeting and discussing the problems covered in this Rule, the court may take such action as is appropriate to avoid unreasonable delay.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 11, 2009

/s/ Harry C. Dees, Jr.  
Harry C. Dees, Jr., Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ Robert E. Grant  
Robert E. Grant, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

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

/s/ Kent Lindquist  
Kent Lindquist, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court