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NEW PROCEDURES IN ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Scheduling conferences will be set in adversary proceedings in bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge France, beginning with cases filed after October 1, 2012. An order will be entered setting the scheduling conference once an answer or motion has been filed in response to the complaint. The scheduling conference will be held about thirty (30) days after the date the answer or motion is filed. The order setting the scheduling conference will describe the matters to be discussed at the conference so that the schedule can be customized for each proceeding. This scheduling order will replace the generic order previously used by Judge France. The scheduling conference will be held on the record in the Bankruptcy Courtroom, but counsel or unrepresented parties may attend the conference telephonically by using CourtCall as directed on the website under the “For Attorneys” tab. After the scheduling conference is held, a scheduling order will be issued setting forth the schedule determined at the conference.

The templates for the “Order Setting Scheduling Conference” and the “Scheduling Order” accompany this notice. Judge France is soliciting input from counsel on these procedures and forms and is especially interested in hearing from participants after they have attended the conferences so that improvements to the process may be made in the future.

Questions or comments should be sent to the email address listed above with “scheduling conference” noted in the subject line.