

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
Attorney Advisory Committee
October 24, 2019 at 3:00 PM

Attendees: Henry Van Eck, Lisa Rynard, Gary Imblum, Rick Thompson, Tullio DeLuca, Tracy Updike, Seth Eisenberg, David Harris, Lisa Doran, John Hykes, Robert Opel, Kevin Frankel, Larry Young, Cindy Boyle, Jennifer Misceovich, Terry Miller, Kara Gendron, James Jones, Anne Fiorenza

The meeting began at 3:00 PM. Judge Van Eck welcomed the attendees to the October meeting.

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Federal and Local Rule Amendments follow up, if any (Judge Van Eck/Jim Jones)

Judge Van Eck began by noting that only a few federal rules were changing and that the changes were insubstantial. Jim Jones suggested prioritizing rules that need to be changed first. With a September 2020 deadline, it is appropriate to take a month by month approach. Lisa Doran added that changes in the federal rules for small business Chapter 11s are going to require changes to the local rules. The new subchapter V of Chapter 11 becomes effective in February 2020. Districts will need to adopt interim rules to get through the period until the federal rules adapt to the legislation. Jim Jones reported that interim federal rules are already circulating.

2. Discussion on the Local Rules and redundancy with Federal Rules (Judge Van Eck)

Judge Van Eck asked that the rules subcommittee in the MDBBA take the laboring oar for eliminating redundancies between the federal and local rules.

3. Model Chapter 13 Plan Form (Judge Van Eck/Jim Jones)

Jim Jones reported that Lisa Doran, Rick Thompson, and Jim Jones worked together to fix Paragraph 1B in the plan. Jim Jones made an additional suggestion to change the model plan entirely to eliminate the problem.

4. CM/ECF NextGen Status (Rick Thompson)

Rick Thompson updated the committee on the upgrade to NextGen CM/ECF. Some problems are arising, but staff is working to fix those before the live date. Court staff will be available on Chapter 13 days to help attorneys with registering new PACER accounts. EDSS will be available to attorneys during the crossover weekend, but not after the weekend is over. Larry Young asked if there will be an opportunity for staff to come to the courthouse and train on the

new CM/ECF. Rick Thompson shared that filing will essentially be the same. The way attorneys log in will change. Rick Thompson also recommended getting two PACER accounts for Chapter 7 Trustees to differentiated between filing as a Trustee and as an attorney.

5. New Committee Goals (Judge Van Eck)

Nothing new at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was shared at the October meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATE(S): February 13, 2019 at 3:00PM

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