

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

## NOTICE

## Bankruptcy Form Changes Effective December 1, 2015

Most of the Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted, and renumbered versions effective December 1, 2015.

These new forms are part of a forms modernization project that began in 2008 by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. Among other things, the new forms introduce different versions of case opening forms for individual debtors and non-individual debtors. The new forms are easier for debtors to understand and complete, and are designed to work with scheduled enhancements to the federal courts' case opening and electronic case management system.

- The following official forms are scheduled to be replaced: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6 Summary, 6 Declaration, 6A-J, 7, 8, 9A–I, 10, 10A, 10S1, 10S2, 11A, 11B, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16C, 16D, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19, 22A1 through 22C2, 23 and 27.
- The following six official forms will be revised in 2016 or later: 20A, 20B, 25A, 25B, 25C, and 26.

In addition to the above changes, virtually all the director's bankruptcy forms (current forms 13S, 15S, 18F–18WH, and 104–283) are scheduled to be replaced by updated and renumbered versions on December 1, 2015.

All forms and pending changes may be viewed at  $\underline{\text{http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms}$  .

If you use a bankruptcy software, please be sure to contact them so that you may obtain all updates prior to the effective date.

The new forms must be used for all filings made on or after December 1, 2015.