

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
SHREVEPORT DIVISION

**STANDING ORDER ADOPTING MANDATORY
FORM CHAPTER 13 PLAN AMENDED JUNE 9, 2017**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the “Chapter 13 Plan” and “Chapter 13 Plan Summary” as designated and updated on this Court’s website and the instructions below are adopted by the Judge of this Court for use by all Chapter 13 debtors for all cases filed on or after August 1, 2015. No other form of Chapter 13 Plan or Plan Summary shall be allowed. Downloadable forms are available at <http://www.lawb.uscourts.gov/content/chief-judge-jeffrey-p-norman>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Standing Order abrogates all prior orders adopting a form plan in this division and it shall become effective August 1, 2015, and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court. Any standing order(s) contrary to the proposed plan are hereby vacated but only in the Shreveport Division.

Debtors must file both the “Chapter 13 Plan” and “Chapter 13 Plan Summary” in every Chapter 13 case within the time required by Bankruptcy Rules 3015(b). The Clerk of the Court may serve the “Chapter 13 Plan Summary” pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3015(d). It is prohibited to alter either the Chapter 13 Plan Summary or Mandatory Form Chapter 13 Plan.

Special provisions, if any, may be added only in the area of the Mandatory Form Plan specifically designated as “Non Standard Provisions.” Special provisions are restricted to those items applicable to the particular circumstances of the debtor. Special provisions shall not contain a restatement of provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, or the Mandatory Form Plan. Noncompliance may result in the reduction or disallowance of attorney fees and/or the suspension of the provisions of the “No Look” Fee Order or LBR 2016-1, or other appropriate sanctions.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all vehicle payments, whether lease or loan, shall be made by the Chapter 13 Trustee. The plan shall specify the month in which the Chapter 13 Trustee’s regular monthly disbursement on the lease or loan shall begin.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed to by the Chapter 13 Trustee, funding of a chapter 13 plan shall be by payroll deduction. Payroll deduction shall be effected by order of the Court. The order may be tendered by the debtor with the filing of the plan. No motion for payroll deduction is necessary. Any other payments tendered to the Chapter 13 Trustee by the debtor shall be made either via electronic transfer (as directed by the trustee) or by United States mail from the debtor to the Chapter 13 Trustee’s designated lock box. Debtor(s)’ counsel is not authorized to hold or direct estate funds to the Chapter 13 Trustee.

An amended plan filed prior to confirmation shall clearly show any changes from the prior plan by reflecting the changes in bold, italics, strikethrough, or otherwise.

Modifications to Chapter 13 plans for cases filed on or after August 1, 2015 shall be in the mandatory form as designated and updated on this Court's website. A plan modification proposed after confirmation shall be made by motion and must be filed and served on the Chapter 13 Trustee, United States Trustee, and all adversely affected parties, including, when appropriate, the debtor and the case attorney. Proposed plan modifications shall include:

- (1) A particular reference to the provisions of the confirmed plan that are being modified, including any proposed percentage to be paid to unsecured creditors and the approximate number of months required to complete the proposed modified plan;
- (2) The extent to which the proposed modification affects the rights of creditors or other parties in interest;
- (3) The date(s) of the confirmation order of the original plan and of any previous modified plan(s);
- (4) If a motion to modify the plan proposes to decrease the dividend to unsecured creditors or to extend the length of the plan, the reason for the modification, including any change in circumstances since confirmation; and
- (5) If the motion to modify proposes to change the amount of any periodic payment to the plan, an amended schedule I and J.
- (6) Post-confirmation modifications shall be labeled as such. An amended plan will not be considered a post-confirmation modification.

Objections to modifications must be filed and served within twenty-one (21) days after the date of service of the motion to modify, or as otherwise noticed by the Chapter 13 Trustee or ordered by the Court. Objections to modification of a confirmed plan shall be in writing and filed and served on the debtor, the debtor's attorney, the Chapter 13 Trustee, and the United States Trustee. The objection shall conform to the requirements of an objection to a Chapter 13 Plan and Bankruptcy Rule 9014.

Plans or plan modifications that appear to the Court to meet all statutory tests for confirmation, and to which no objections to confirmation have been filed, may be confirmed on the consent docket without actual presentation. Cases in which plans are confirmed or modified on the consent docket may be read into the record at the confirmation hearing, may be posted on the Court's or Chapter 13 Trustee's website any time prior to the scheduled confirmation hearing date, or may be listed on the hearing docket. It is the duty of the debtor's attorney, the Chapter 13 Trustee, or parties in interest to inform the Court of any existing bar to confirmation. Cases with pending objections will not be placed on a consent docket. Deficiencies in the plan noted by the Chapter 13 Trustee at the § 341 meeting must be cured in a manner which is evident upon review of the case file or the plan will not be scheduled on a consent docket.

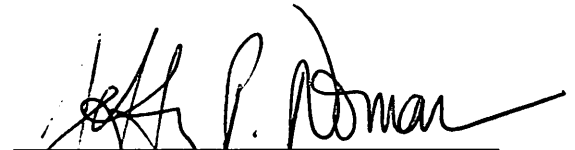
The debtor shall file all amendments, appraisals, stipulations, and other papers necessary to place the plan in a posture for confirmation or modification at least three (3) working days prior

to the confirmation or plan modification hearing. Cases not in a posture to be confirmed or modified may be dismissed with prejudice.

This standing order shall only apply to Chapter 13 cases assigned to Judge Jeffrey P. Norman.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 6/9/2017.



Jeffrey P. Norman
United States Bankruptcy Judge