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Proposed Amendments to the Fed. R. Bankr. P. Published for Public Comment

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules has proposed amendments to Bankruptcy Rule 3015 and adoption of new Rule 3015.1 to modify its prior proposal for an official form for the plan of reorganization under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. It has requested that the two rules be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment.

Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Shortened Comment

Period: The proposed amendment to Rule 3015, along with new Rule 3015.1, would modify the Advisory Committee's proposal (published for comment in 2014 and again in 2015) for a mandatory nation-wide official chapter 13 plan form. The proposed amendment to Rule 3015 would require use of the national official plan form unless a district instead adopts a local plan form that meets the requirements of proposed new Rule 3015.1. Given the prior rounds of public comments on the proposed plan form package (Official Form 113 and related amendments to Rules 2002, 3002, 3007, 3012, 4003, 5009, 7001 and 9009), and given the limited nature of the proposed modification, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure has approved a public comment period of three months for Rules 3015 and 3015.1.

Please provide any comments on the proposed amendments, whether favorable, adverse, or otherwise, as soon as possible, but **no later than Monday, October 3, 2016**. All comments are made part of the official record and will be available to the public.

The proposed amendments, advisory committee report, and other information, as well as the electronic portal through which to submit comments concerning the proposed amendments are located on the Judiciary's web-site at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment>

See Amendments to Fed. R. Bankr. P. effective 12/1/16 on [Page 2](#)

Amendments to Fed. R. Bankr. P. Effective December 1, 2016

The following Rules were adopted by the Supreme Court and transmitted to Congress on April 28, 2016. If approved, the amendments to the following Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure will take effect on December 1, 2016, and “shall govern all proceedings in bankruptcy cases thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings then pending”:

Rule 1010	Service of Involuntary Petition and Summons; Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding
Rule 1011	Responsive Pleading or Motion in Involuntary Cases
Rule 2002	Notices to Creditors, Equity Security Holders, Administrators in Foreign Proceedings, Persons Against Whom Provisional Relief is South in Ancillary and Other Cross-Border Cases, United States, and United States Trustee
Rule 3002.1	Notice Relating to Claims Secured by Security Interest in the Debtor’s Principal Residence
Rule 7008	General Rules of Pleading
Rule 7012	Defenses and Objections—When and How Presented—By Pleading or Motion—Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings
Rule 7016	Pretrial Procedures
Rule 9006	Computing and Extending Time; Time for Motion Papers
Rule 9027	Removal
Rule 9033	Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law
Rule 1012	Responsive Pleading in Cross-Border - <i>New</i>

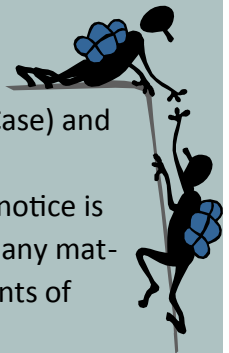
Other rules amendments include Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rules 4, 6, and 82; Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 4, 41, and 45; and Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 4, 5, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 28.1, 29, 32, 35, and 40, as well as Appellate Forms 1, 5, 6, and new Form 7.

The package of materials transmitted to Congress, including a red-line copy of all the amendments, transmittal letters, and committee notes is available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/file/document/2016-04-28-final-package-congress>.

HELP DESK HINTS... Permissive Use of Negative Notice

The [Permissive Use of Negative Notice](#) list (i.e., “the negative notice list”) was updated June 14 to include two new additions: Motion for Entry of Discharge (Chapter 11 Individual Case) and Motion for Final Decree for Chapter 11 Cases.

This court permits and encourages the use of negative notice when applicable. Negative notice is not appropriate for emergency matters and you are reminded of the court’s discretion to set any matter for hearing, even if no objection or response is filed. The language and service requirements of Local Rule 2002-2 are applicable to all negative notice filings.



ECF Essentials

Maximum File Size Changed

The capacity of hardware and network speeds has vastly improved over the years giving us the ability to increase the limits on the size of files uploaded to CM/ECF. Effective August 1, 2016, the maximum file size for documents uploaded into the CM/ECF system for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida was changed to **35 megabytes (MB)**. Attempting to upload a document 25 MB or larger will result in a warning message that you have reached the maximum recommended file size, but you may continue filing your document as long as it does not exceed 35 MB.

NOTE: This change is for files uploaded to the CM/ECF of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida only. Other courts in which you file may have different file size limitations.

11th Circuit Well Represented in the Bankruptcy Best Practices Working Group

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) has formed a Bankruptcy Best Practices Working Group (BBPWG) with the goal of working collaboratively to create and share more efficient and effective operational Clerk's Office practices. More than 160 nominations were received for this and the District Best Practices Working Group (DBPWG). Of that number, 18 Bankruptcy Clerk's Office employees were selected to serve on the BBPWG's related Operations and Technology Subcommittees. The subcommittees will perform analyses of technology solutions to improve business processes, create operational procedures which integrate technology where practicable, and develop procedures to assist courts in adopting more efficient practices.

The Florida Northern Bankruptcy Court is very excited to be a part of this effort with the selection of Traci E. Abrams, Clerk of Court, as a member of the Operations Subgroup. The 11th Circuit is also being represented by Regina Thomas (Clerk of Court, Georgia Northern – Technology Subgroup) and Raymond Waguespack (Operations Manager, Florida Middle – Operations Subgroup). Congratulations to all BBPWG and DBPWG members. Thank you for volunteering your time.



Some Interesting Statistics

In the year ending December 31, 2015, there were 2733 bankruptcy cases filed in the Northern District of Florida: 329 in Gainesville, 1283 in Pensacola, 661 in Tallahassee, and 460 in Panama City. Of those cases, 2134 were chapter 7 filings (78.08%) and 558 were chapter 13 filings (20.41%). The Northern District of Florida was ranked 15th in the nation for business filings and 25th in the nation for *pro se* filings.

A [Judiciary News article](#) published February 4, 2016, reported that during the 12-month period ending December 31, 2015, there were 844,495 bankruptcy cases filed in the U.S. - a 9.9% drop in filings from calendar year 2014.

Evidence Presentation in the Courtroom

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida maintains fully electronic courtrooms. We provide a state-of-the-art sound system and the latest advanced technology to facilitate the presentation of both testimony and evidence to the court in multiple media formats.

ELMO Evidence Presentation: The ELMO equipment enables counsel to present evidence through the video monitors. The evidence can be in any medium: paper, photographs, and even three-dimensional objects.

Computer Connections and Microphones: Counsel tables are set up with computer connections and microphones allowing counsel to present trial documents and/or evidence through the video system by way of audio and video connections to a notebook computer.

Wireless Access: Wireless access is provided by the Bench & Bar Fund to allow counsel to login to CM/ECF during court for access to case records.

Video Monitors: Video monitors for viewing evidence are located at the bench, the witness stand, the courtroom deputy and law clerk stations, and each counsel table. Additionally, those in the gallery may view evidence on a large plasma monitor.

Video Teleconferencing Equipment: Video teleconferencing equipment is available for testimony and court hearings, as deemed appropriate by the judge.

If you would like to use any of this equipment, you may request to do so by contacting Janet Weems, Courtroom Deputy, at (850) 521-5009 to schedule use and testing of the equipment. **It is required that you test your presentation at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing.**

An Invitation from Chief Judge Paul G. Hyman, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida: Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar

The Committee provides a unique forum in which to share ideas and/or comments among the bar and bench. All comments made during the Committee's meetings are off the record. The Committee also fosters informal communication and sharing of ideas between the three Federal Districts within Florida and informs practitioners of events transpiring in each of the Federal Districts related to the practice of bankruptcy. In the past, ideas proposed in the Committee have resulted in the adoption of new procedures by the bench, adoption of uniform Mortgage Modification Mediation rules and the adoption of new local rules.

You are invited to attend the Committee's next meeting on **September 2, 2016, at 4:00 PM at the Naples Ritz-Carlton, 280 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Naples, Florida 34108**, in conjunction with the Business Law Section's Retreat. Please, e-mail Chief Judge Paul G. Hyman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida, at paul_hyman@flsb.uscourts.gov any matter you would like placed on our agenda prior to August 22nd. Please note, you must attend the meeting if you request a matter be placed on the agenda.

~ Chief Judge Paul G. Hyman, Jr.

This invitation is extended as a courtesy to Chief Judge Hyman. Please do not RSVP to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida.

Office Closings

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida will be closed in observance of the following federal holidays, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 6103:

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Friday, November 11 - Veterans Day

For reasons of personal safety, inclement weather, building closures, or other unanticipated occurrences, we may have to close one or both of our offices with little or no notice. We strive to ensure that any interruption in service will be brief and painless through emergency operations plans which address disruptions of automation or telephone services, personnel coverage, and many other day-to-day functions of the Court.

In the event of office closures, the need to reschedule or relocate court, or other interruption in services, you will be advised through phone message recordings, *Announcements* posted to the Court's website (www.flnb.uscourts.gov), and/or email from the Clerk's Office. For changes impacting court hearings, we may also docket a notice of cancellation or a change of hearing location, both of which will generate a Notice of Electronic Filing to all electronic parties in the cases.

To ensure that you receive all notifications from our office:

- Sign up for the RSS Feed on our website to receive instant notification of Announcements.
- Ensure that the *uscourts.gov* domain is listed as a "safe" domain with your email and/or Internet Service Provider to prevent emails from our office being rejected as "spam."
- Check your email for Notices of Electronic Filings regarding cancellations or relocation of hearings if you are scheduled to appear in court or review your Email Summary in CM/ECF (Reports > Email Summary) if you receive a Daily Summary of ECF activity instead of individual emails.

In the event of the possibility of closure due to severe weather, you may call our office before visiting or attending court to determine that we are open and/or to receive instructions if we are not. Our help desk numbers are 850-521-5002 (Tallahassee) or 888-765-1752 (toll free).

CM/ECF and PACER will be available for filing and/or viewing cases.

Format of Documents Submitted to the Court

N.D. Fla. LBR 1007-1 refers to the N.D. Fla. Loc. R. regarding the format of documents submitted to the court. The [N.D. Fla. Loc. R.](#) revision effective November 24, 2015 changed the form of documents to require that all documents, excluding exhibits or other material not created for filing in the case, be:

- double spaced
- at least 14 point font
- at least 1" margins
- pages must be numbered
- hard copies to be securely fastened in the upper left-hand corner

Please ensure that documents submitted to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida comply with these formatting requirements. Thank you!



Melissa McClure Retires

On June 24, 2016, after nearly 30 years of service to the federal courts, Melissa McClure, Director of Operations, retired to enjoy life outside the judiciary.

Melissa came to us in 2002 from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, where she was a team leader, case manager, and courtroom deputy to Judge Tim Corcoran (retired). Melissa's thorough knowledge of the Code and Rules, as well as her firm grasp on bankruptcy procedure was invaluable throughout her time in our court.

Melissa plans to start her retirement by finishing the house she and her husband are building and completing the requirements to get her pilot's license.

Congratulations, Melissa!

In Recognition of Your Service

We wish to thank the following attorney(s) for volunteering their time over the past quarter to assist debtors in the Northern District of Florida who cannot afford legal representation:

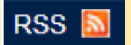
Kathryn Hathaway

Thank you!

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www.flnb.uscourts.gov.



Pensacola Division Telephonic Hearings before Judge Callaway or Judge Oldshue

Attorneys appearing by telephone before Judges Callaway or Oldshue in Pensacola division cases must notify the court of their desire to attend the hearing by calling the appropriate judge's chambers OR by emailing the judge's judicial assistant to advise of their appearance. Notification must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Central Time, one business day before the hearing.

Judge Callaway:

(251) 441-5628

ALSB_PNSHrgHAC@alsb.uscourts.gov

Judge Oldshue:

(251) 436-5430

ALSB_PNSHrg@alsb.uscourts.gov

Please note the **different contact information** for Judge Callaway's and Judge Oldshue's chambers for this purpose. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Welcome Kent Rosenbaum!

Kent joined our Information Technology (I.T.) team in Tallahassee as an Information Technology Technician II. He comes to us from a large specialized medical practice where he managed a massive network as the Network Administrator and I.T. Specialist of the practice. Bringing a vast array of I.T. knowledge, he will merge right into an ever-growing position in the federal government in our world's Technology Age.

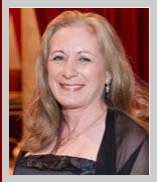


Tips & Tricks

Warning About Fraudulent Emails

If you receive a suspicious email appearing to be from our court, please feel free to contact us to verify its authenticity before opening. For your safety, please delete such emails without clicking the embedded links.

This is a general warning to be on the lookout for fraudulent emails that may contain links to ransomware and/or malware.



Views & News from the Bench

By: Karen K. Specie
United States Bankruptcy Judge
Northern District of Florida

OH, THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN AND THE PLACES WE'LL GO

July 25, 2016 marked four years since my appointment to the bench. Where has the time gone and where have we been?

We've been to great places. Our court has again had an outstanding year, thanks to our excellent practitioners and dedicated, hard-working court staff. Even though filings are down, our court remains one of the, if not the, busiest single-judge courts in the nation. We are fortunate to have much-appreciated assistance from Chief Judge Henry Callaway and Judges Jerry Oldshue and William Shulman (who delayed full retirement to help with Pensacola Chapter 7 and 13 cases). With their help we have been able to keep our dockets and cases moving at an admirable rate.

The Local Rules Committee has been working diligently on finalizing changes to our Local Rules. All members of that committee deserve our sincere thanks. We hope to be able to circulate proposed rules changes before year end.

Our Pro Bono program has improved dramatically. This past year several more attorneys have filed and worked on bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings for truly needy litigants. That is a wonderful development and a true service to the public, the bar and the court.

In addition to fulfilling my judge duties, including the administrative duties of chief judge working on court operations, budget and management, I have endeavored to keep our district current and well-represented by actively participating in a significant number of court and bar related events. I attended two national bankruptcy judge conferences, one for chief judges in Washington, D.C. and the other in Philadelphia. I have also attended Florida Bar meetings, meetings of the Bankruptcy/UCC Committee and Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee, and the annual Florida Bar Business Law Section Labor Day Retreat. I have spoken on judges' panels at the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association and Florida Bar View from the Bench seminars, have participated in the Florida Bar's Federal Judicial Roundtable, and taught an Advanced Bankruptcy class at UF College of Law.

Much of this would not be possible without the best possible Clerk's office and staff, as well as outstanding assistance in chambers. Although we miss former Law Clerk, Thomas Powell, who after two years has begun private practice in Atlanta, we have gained: **Samantha Kelley**, who joined our court on May 2, 2016, as my career Law Clerk/Judicial Assistant. Samantha comes to the court with 1 year of legal experience, and highly recommended by the bankruptcy judges before whom she practiced as a former debtor's attorney in Jacksonville, Florida; **John Van Hise**, who joined our court on August 8, 2016, as a term clerk, having graduated from the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida this May. John will be with us for a minimum of two years; he and his wife and young daughter have relocated to Tallahassee from Jacksonville;

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Views & News from the Bench, continued:

and **Trey Wright**, who has been a Law Clerk since September of 2015. Trey received his undergraduate degree from UCF, where he played varsity baseball, and his law degree from FSU. We are very pleased to have received funding so we can keep Trey through September of 2017.

Looking forward to another successful year, here are some of the goals I hope we will reach and some of the places I hope we will go:

INCREASE PRO BONO PARTICIPATION: I encourage each and every attorney to take at least one pro bono case. You likely will find it more rewarding for yourself than for the person you volunteer to represent. It can be a great way to train young associates. And, it will help you meet Florida Bar requirements while feeling really good about yourself.

MENTORING: I ask those of you who've practiced for several years to reach out and mentor new lawyers (you note that I did not use the words "young" or "younger") trying to learn bankruptcy and bankruptcy practice. The more you help them, the better we can ensure that our bar will remain superlative for years to come.

IMPROVED LOCAL RULES AND PROCEDURES: Our IT and other court personnel, as well as the attorneys who serve on our Local Rules and Steering Committees, are constantly working toward better and more streamlined operations and case management. We have worked very hard to overcome the challenges presented in Pensacola, where our courthouse is now occupied by District judges and District Court staff. We encourage suggestions and comments for improvement in all areas.

COLLABORATION: I would like to see practitioners in our district interact more with those in other bankruptcy districts to share insights and ideas. I have been communicating more with bankruptcy judges in the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, as well as with judges in other small bankruptcy courts like ours, especially regarding rules and procedures that help courts run effectively. Our district can benefit from more collaboration with other courts.

BROWN BAG LUNCHEES OR MINI SEMINARS. Because our district is so large and spread out it is difficult for us to interact on a regular basis. A goal is to resurrect the brown bag lunches we had years ago, during which attorneys and the judge would meet and "break bread" informally. I am going to have my law clerks reach out to the Northern District bar association leaders to organize some of these lunches during the coming year.

Whether looking where we've been, or looking forward to where we will go, we need to remember that each and every one of us makes a difference in peoples' lives every day. We have the pleasure of spending our working hours with a wonderful court family made up of professionals who can also be "real people" and friends, and who cover each other's backs when someone is in need. Every attorney, assistant, paralegal, case administrator, Law Clerk, IT and Clerk's office staffer matters. Each person who serves on a committee, volunteers for a pro bono case, patiently answers questions, improves our technology, manages our cases and contributes to and publishes this newsletter, makes our court better. Each new procedure or practice we streamline reduces errors and helps insure parties get the full benefit of the bankruptcy process.

Here's to another very bright year in the Northern District of Florida.



ORDER PROCESSING

We often receive questions regarding how proposed and signed orders are processed. There are multiple steps and people involved during the orders processing:

- 1) Within 24 hours of receipt the Case Administrator reviews the proposed order and performs an initial quality control check of the following:
 - Title is in compliance with Proposed Order Guidelines
 - Correct dispositive language is used (e.g., motions are “granted” and applications are “approved”)
 - Body of order contains document or claim number and name of the motion, document, or claim to which the order is related
 - Amended orders contain explanation of amendment and have a corresponding Motion to Amend Order (Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9013)
 - Order on objection to claim includes amount of claim to be disallowed
 - Order was submitted in Word (preferably) or other word processing format
 - Formatting:
 - Documents are double spaced and contain only basic formatting
 - The same font type and size is used throughout (preferably **14 point font**) - *NEW FONT SIZE PREFERENCE!*
 - Correct judge’s initials appear after the case number in the header
 - Chapter identification (e.g., Chapter 7) appears above or below the case number within the header
 - Latin terms (e.g., in rem) are properly spelled and underlined or in Italic font
 - The judge's signature line is approximately 1" below the date line and contains the full name and title of the judge
 - Date line reads "DONE AND ORDERED on ____."
 - Order does not grant more relief than requested in motion
 - Name of person who prepared the order is included at the bottom of the order
 - The order contains language directing service of the order
 - There are no obvious typographical errors, incorrect language, etc..

If all of the above conditions are met AND a hearing has been held or within 24 hours of the expiration of any applicable response deadline without objection, the proposed order is forwarded to chambers for law clerk review. If the above conditions are not met, the proposed order is returned to the submitter to be corrected.

- 2) The law clerk reviews the proposed order for legal accuracy and forwards the proposed order to the judge for review OR will direct the Case Administrator to return the proposed order for revision/correction.
- 3) After the orders are signed, they are returned to the Case Administrator who is required by local quality control standards to enter the order on the docket the same day it is signed by the judge.

Case Administrators cannot provide any information regarding the status of a proposed order beyond advising that it has been forwarded to chambers for review.

**These requirements, as well as the Proposed Order Guidelines are posted under the Filing Requirements tab on our website at www.flnb.uscourts.gov/filing-requirements/instructions-and-procedures-chambers and www.flnb.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/filing_requirements/4-inst.pdf. If counsel does not understand why the form of a returned order is unacceptable, they may contact the Judge’s law clerk with specific questions.*

THE CLERK'S CORNER

By: Traci E. Abrams, Clerk of Court

A New Face as the Chief Deputy Clerk in 2017—Travis Green

I am very pleased to announce that Travis Green has been selected to succeed Paul Neely as our Chief Deputy Clerk in 2017. Travis comes to us from the Florida Northern District Court with 24 years of experience, including 16 years of substantial management experience. Travis has served in many positions within the District Court including Financial Deputy, Intake Clerk, Docket Clerk, Courtroom Deputy, District Budget Analyst and Resident Deputy-In-Charge. He is the current Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Court Reporter Supervisor for the District Court and has served in the past as the internal auditor. Travis also gained experience with Space and Facilities matters during his tenure with the District Court. In addition to his Court knowledge, Travis holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Travis is currently stationed in the Pensacola Division, where he will have full training access to our current Chief Deputy Clerk, Paul Neely. Beginning in January, and in lieu of retirement, Paul will resume work in his former position as our Network Administrator in the Pensacola Division. Travis will begin work in Tallahassee.

Please join me in welcoming Travis to our court family.

New Director of Court Operations Appointed – Tammi Boswell

Tammi Boswell assumed the role of Director of Court Operations in June of this year. She replaced our outgoing Director, Melissa McClure, whose tenure with the Bankruptcy Courts spanned 30 years. Tammi began her career with the Bankruptcy Court at the Western District of Louisiana where she worked from 1996 to 2012, in various capacities and roles. After working as a supervisor in the mortgage industry for two years, Tammi returned to the Bankruptcy Courts as Florida Northern's CM/ECF Analyst. During her time in this position, Tammi was relied upon heavily to manage this court's financial operations due to the passing of our long time Financial and Budget Administrator, Donna Faircloth. Tammi worked closely with the financial staffs of the Florida Middle and Florida Southern Bankruptcy Courts to ensure that our obligations were met. As our new Operations Director, Tammi hit the ground running by assisting her team with the completion of the internal Operations Procedures Manual. We welcome Tammi to her new position.

Clerk's Office Reorganization – Employee Spotlight

Several members of Clerk's Office staff have volunteered to take on new duties in an effort to streamline internal operations. I would like to publically thank these employees for pushing their boundaries and meeting the needs of the Court.

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| Bruce Justham: | Volunteered to resume his IT supervisory role as the Director of Information Technology beginning in January of 2017. |
| Paul Neely: | Volunteered to return to his former position of Network Administrator II beginning in January 2017. Paul will continue performing certain aspects of his Contracting Officer and Human Resources roles. |
| Julie Gibson: | Volunteered to serve in the role of Contracting Officer . Julie also assists with Relief Courtroom Deputy and mail management duties as needed. |
| Carolyn Romine: | Volunteered to assist with leave management . |
| Latonia Isom: | Serves as the Court's primary Relief Courtroom Deputy in the Tallahassee Division. |
| Libby Deroche: | Serves as the Court's primary Relief Courtroom Deputy in the Pensacola Division. Libby also interfaces with the District Court concerning courtroom reservations. |



September 15-16, 2016

Registration Fee: \$240

(early bird rate of \$220 available through July 31st)

(Includes: annual membership dues, cocktail reception on Thursday night on the Watercolor Inn & Resort lawn, and breakfast/lunch & beverages during the seminar Friday)

Watercolor Inn & Resort

Seminar Room Rate: \$255.00 per night

(hotel reservations made separately by calling

Amber Ham at (850) 231-7104

or emailing group.reservations@stjoecclub.com)

GOLF OUTING & COCKTAIL RECEPTION – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

A golf outing will take place on Thursday afternoon, September 15th at approximately 12:30 p.m. (Central Time) at a location TBD. Please RSVP to *Michael Wynn* at Michael@wynnlaw-fl.com.

The Annual Cocktail Reception will be Thursday night, September 15th, at 6:00 p.m. at Watercolor Inn & Resort. If you or your firm would like to sponsor the reception, please contact *Robert Powell* at rpowell@clarkpartington.com.

BRONZE - \$150

SILVER - \$300

GOLD - \$425

PLATINUM - \$750

SEMINAR & MEMBERSHIP MEETING-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Late Registration	1:00 pm	View from the Bench Honorable Karen K. Specie Honorable Henry A. Callaway Honorable Jerry C. Oldshue Honorable William S. Shulman
8:30 am	Welcome Robert J. Powell, Esq. — Clark Partington President of NDFLABBA	2:00 pm	AP Land Mines: A Practical Guide to Navigating Evidentiary Issues in Fraud Cases Douglas A. Bates, Esq. — Clark Partington
8:45 am	Caselaw Update Bradley M. Saxton, Esq. — Winderweede, Haines, Ward & Woodman, P.A.	2:55 pm	U.S. Trustee's Office Charles F. Edwards, Esq.
9:45 am	Perspectives on Proportionality in Discovery Hon. Elizabeth M. Timothy, U.S. Magistrate Judge for Northern District of Florida	3:20 pm	Coffee Break
11:00 am	Coffee Break	3:30 pm	Exemptions Update John E. Venn, Jr., Esq.-Chapter 7 Panel Trustee
11:10 am	YOU WANT TO DO WHAT?!: Involuntary Bankruptcy in the Northern District of FL Charles M. Wynn, Esq.— Charles M. Wynn Law Offices, P.A.	4:00 pm	Clerk's Update -Traci Abrams
12:00 pm	Lunch Break, Pro Bono Awards & Annual Membership Meeting	4:30 pm	Closing Remarks Robert Powell



2016 Annual Seminar Registration Form

Return this sheet with your check (made payable to the Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association, Inc.) to: Robert J. Powell, Esq., rpowell@clarkpartington.com, (850) 208-7078, Clark Partington, P.A. | 125 W. Romana Street, Suite 800 | Pensacola, FL 32502

- _____ I am attending the seminar and joining NDFLBBA for the first time. (\$240)
- _____ I am attending the seminar and renewing my membership in NDFLBBA. (\$240)
- _____ I am attending the seminar as a full-time legal services attorney or a first year attorney. (\$150)
- _____ I am not attending the seminar but would like to join/renew my membership in NDFLBBA. (\$50)
- _____ I am a speaker. (\$0)

Name: _____

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Phone Number: _____

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E-mail Address: _____

FLNB Resources

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Cases in the Northern District of Florida are randomly assigned to Case Administrators throughout the district shortly after filing. The name of the Case Administrator to whom a case is assigned is located at the top of the docket report in CM/ECF.

Ann Laritz
(850) 470-3060

Latonia Isom
(850) 521-5012

Melanie Lawrence
(407) 237-8021
*For cases assigned to judge
Jennemann (FLMB) only*

Samantha Kiser
Help Desk &
CM/ECF Access
(850) 521-5001
(866) 765-1752

Carolyn Romine
(850) 470-3062

Libby Deroche
(850) 470-3061

Janet Weems
Courtroom Deputy &
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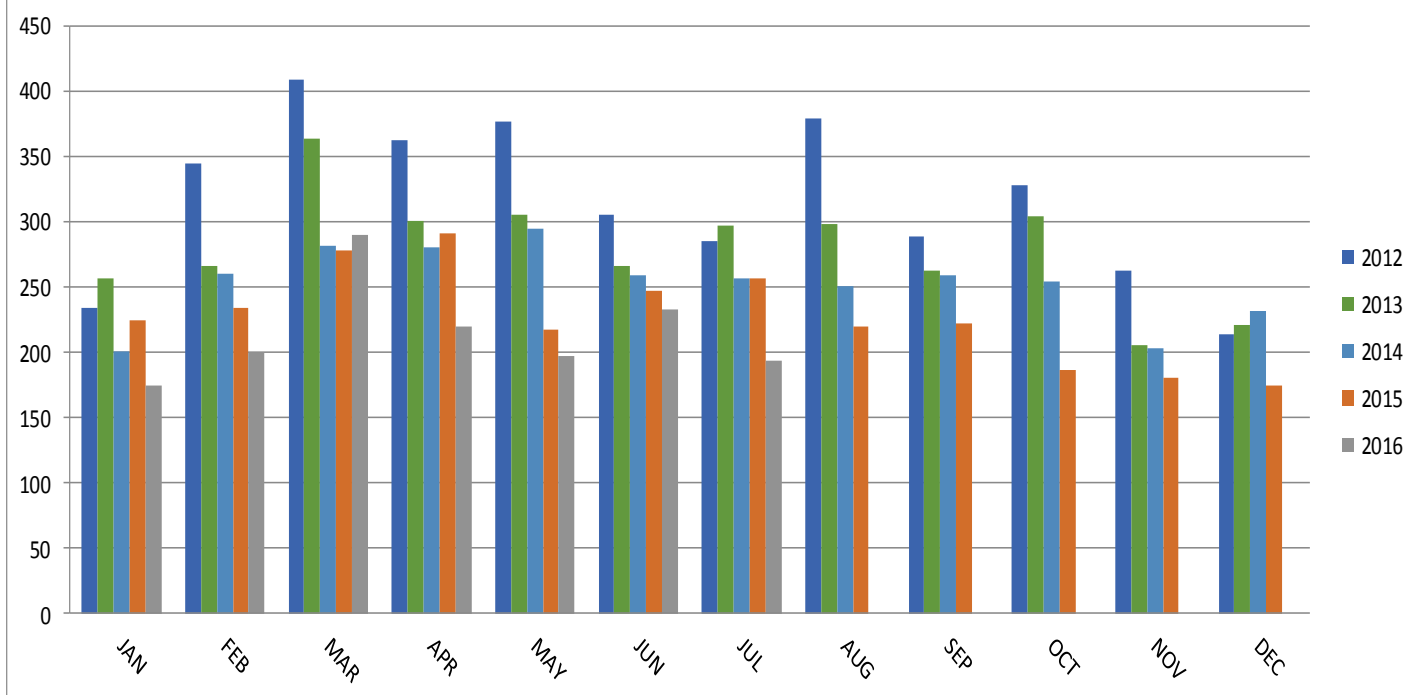
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