



THE BANKRUPTCY ADVISOR



A Periodic Publication of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida

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NEXTGEN PREPARATIONS BEGIN AT FLNB

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida (FLNB) will upgrade to the Next Generation of CM/ECF ("NextGen") the weekend of December 3-5, 2021, and "go live" on NextGen Monday, December 6. The way you login to file documents, pleadings, and/or claims is the only change you will see with this upgrade. This *Central Sign On* ("CSO") method will give you access to all U.S. appellate, bankruptcy, and district NextGen courts with a single login and password through PACER.

All filers must complete the following tasks prior to December 6:

- **Confirm you have an upgraded PACER account.** If your PACER account was created prior to August 2014 and has not been upgraded for filing in another NextGen court, you must upgrade your account. If your PACER user name is only 6 characters long, it has *not* been upgraded. The login and password you currently use to access our court for filing will no longer work on December 6th. Your PACER account can be upgraded any time before the "go live" date. Instructions for upgrading your PACER account can be found on our website at <https://www.flnb.uscourts.gov/sites/flnb/files/Upgrade%20Legacy%20PACER%20Accounts.pdf>.
- **Each filer must have their own PACER account.** Filers who share a PACER account, including filing agents, must have their own PACER account or they will be unable to file. See [page 5](#) for more information on PACER Administrative Accounts (PAAs) for billing and account management under a single administrative account.
- **Know your current CM/ECF username and password.** On December 6th, you will not be able to file in our court until you link your upgraded PACER account to our NextGen CM/ECF system. This linking process requires that you know your current CM/ECF username and password. This is required even if you have linked your upgraded PACER account to other NextGen courts.

If you have questions about creating or upgrading a PACER account, please review the FAQs available on the PACER Service Center website at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/help/faqs>. The FLNB Help Desk cannot assist you with your PACER account maintenance or updates.

Chapter 13 Trustee Name Change

Please note the name change for Chapter 13 Trustee Leigh D. Hart to **Leigh Duncan Glidewell**, effective May, 2021. Any saved form documents/pleadings, proposed orders, and mailing address blocks naming Leigh D. Hart should be updated to reflect Mrs. Glidewell's new name.

FLNB Attorney Survey

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Florida, would like your feedback in planning hearings and Court operations for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey, answering only the questions that apply to you and your practice, using the link below. The survey will close Friday, September 3, 2021. Thank you for your input!

<https://forms.office.com/g/qDsumnk0Ne>

Changes to Rule 9036 Regarding Paper Notice Recipients Effective December 1

An amendment to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9036 will become effective December 1, 2021, impacting high-volume paper bankruptcy notice recipients. On that date, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts ("AO") will have the authority to require that high-volume paper notice recipients receive court-generated bankruptcy notices electronically. Initially, the amended Rule will be applied to those entities that receive 100+ bankruptcy notices in a single calendar month. This threshold will be reviewed annually and may be adjusted once a year effective December 1st of each year.

In the coming weeks, the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) will reach out to high-volume notice recipients to assist in preparations to receive electronic bankruptcy notices.

News & Announcements

NEW - Sign Up to Receive E-Mail Notifications Through GovDelivery

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RSS (Subscribe to Receive RSS Feed Updates)

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Stay Informed!

Register with GovDelivery for email notifications or sign up for the RSS Feed to receive news and announcements or updates to our website.

New and Revised Local Forms

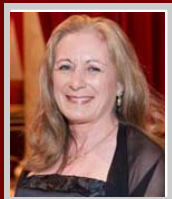
- ◆ Report & Notice of Intention to Sell Property of the Estate (LF-38), *Revised 06/21*
- ◆ Notice of Hearing on Motion to Sell Property Free and Clear, and Report of Notice of Intent to Sell (LF-39), *New 06/21*
- ◆ Chapter 11 Debtor's Pre-Confirmation Statement (LF 11-13), *New 07/21*
- ◆ Individual Debtor(s)' Motion for Entry of Discharge (LF 11-26), *Revised 03/21*
- ◆ Motion to Administratively Close Individual Chapter 11 Case (LF 11-27), *New 04/21*

All Local Forms and Sample/Form Orders for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.flnb.uscourts.gov/forms>. Please check this page regularly for updates.

HELP DESK HINTS... Motions to Reopen Chapter 11 Cases

Local Rule 3022-1(B)(2) waives the fee on a motion to reopen an administratively closed individual chapter 11 case by the debtor, any creditor, or any other party in interest. The new filing event "*Motion to Reopen Chapter 11 Case per N.D. Fla. LBR 3022-1(B)(2)*" was created to assist filers so that a fee is not charged for the reopening.





Views & News from the Bench

Honorable Karen K. Specie
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge
Northern District of Florida

BOY, WAS I WRONG - BUT AT LEAST WE HAD THE OLYMPICS!

My January article began with “*Happy New Year and Hooray for 2021!*” I also wrote that we were looking forward to “an end to the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Boy was I wrong! Thankfully I was right on some things. Our court has excelled. We have achieved many goals we set for this challenging time. Other of my “rights” and “wrongs” during the past few months, which may sound familiar to many of you, include:

RIGHT: Our Clerk’s office staff work so hard and so well while still working almost exclusively remotely, most times you cannot even tell.

WRONG: We would be back to live hearings and trials by now.

RIGHT: Our IT staff, along with Courtroom Deputy extraordinary, Janet Weems-Cainion, has enabled us to conduct hearings with virtually no hiccups.

WRONG: The Covid-19 pandemic would be history, most eligible Americans would be vaccinated, and vaccinated persons would not have to wear masks.

RIGHT: Our bar adapted remarkably well to virtual proceedings and working remotely.

WRONG: We would have a tsunami of bankruptcy cases. The Administrative Office of U.S. Courts reported on August 4, 2021 that personal and business bankruptcy cases nationwide were the lowest in a 12-month period since 1985.

WRONG: The Olympics will be canceled or will be no fun to watch without live audiences.

SO GLAD I was wrong on the last one: the Olympics were a wonderful distraction. The USA won the most Gold, we saw incredible athletes do amazing things, and we witnessed heart-warming sportsmanship and compassion. Simone Biles overcame the “twisties” (who knew that was a word?) and won a Bronze, and Bruce Springsteen’s daughter Jessica helped Team USA win Silver in the (horse) jumping finals. (*Those of you from my era: please explain to our younger colleagues who Bruce Springsteen is and why watching his daughter compete was a BIG DEAL!*)



Here are some things we can anticipate during the remainder of 2021 – time will tell how many of these I get right:

- Continued remote hearings
- Face coverings, social distancing and likely temperature checks required for entrance into courthouses and courtrooms
- Expanded negative notice

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News & Views from the Bench (Continued)

- Amendments to the Local Rules
- An in-person, albeit masked, NDBBA Annual Meeting and Seminar
- A survey (soon to be posted online) to “take the pulse” of our bar and their staff as to our current operations and recommendations
- Three new bankruptcy judges in the Middle District of Florida
- More standardized form motions and orders
- The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Conference live, in person, in Atlanta in May
- Continued valuable assistance from Judges Callaway and Oldshue
- No courthouse in Panama City
- More *pro bono* assistance to self-represented parties, especially those facing eviction or foreclosure, and those struggling from loss of needed income due to unpaid rent and mortgages
- Possible relief from student loan debt for millions of Americans

As we look forward to seeing each other in person once again, we will continue to hope and pray that everyone in the Northern District, including families and staff, will remain healthy. I look forward to seeing everyone at the NDBBBA Seminar and in courtrooms soon.



Help Us Rename our Newsletter

Cheryl Crow said it when she sang "*a change would do you good.*" It's time for *The Bankruptcy Advisor* to get a makeover, and we want your help renaming it! Suggestions should be short and should convey the uniqueness of the Northern District of Florida. Please email submissions to Julie Gibson at Julie.Gibson@flnb.uscourts.gov no later than November 30, 2021. We welcome suggestions from all of our readers!

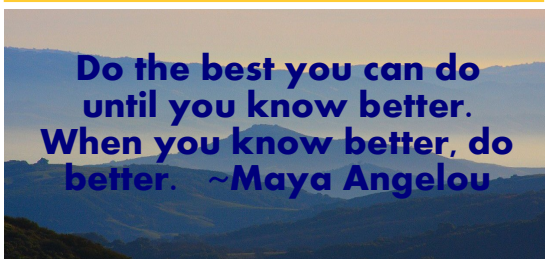
We will convene an internal *ad hoc* committee to vote on your suggestions in December. The new name will debut in the January, 2022 newsletter where we will also announce who submitted the winning title.

So, in the words of REO Speedwagon, "*... if you're tired of the same old story*" (Everybody sing! "*Keep on rollin', keep on rollin' ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh*").

We're waiting to hear from you!

Change to Calculation of Chapter 11 Quarterly Fees

The Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act of 2020, enacted on January 21, 2021, amended the calculation of quarterly fees for calendar quarters beginning April 2, 2021 through December 31, 2025. Please visit the website of the U.S. Trustee Program at <https://www.justice.gov/ust/chapter-11-quarterly-fees> for more information.



Would you like to contribute to our next newsletter? All items for consideration should be emailed to Julie.Gibson@flnb.uscourts.gov by October 31, 2021. Please include the name of your firm, company, or agency, your name as you would like for it to appear in the newsletter, and a telephone number where you can be reached if we have questions. *NOTE: Submission of an article does not guarantee its inclusion in the newsletter.*

ECF Essentials

Saved Logins and Passwords Won't Work in NextGen

If your web browser automatically fills in your CM/ECF login and password, ***it will not work to link your account to NextGen*** when we "go live" on December 6th. **Please make note of your current CM/ECF login and password prior to December 6.**

If you do not know your current login and password, you can contact our Help Desk at CMECF_HelpDesk@flnb.uscourts.gov for assistance. When we "go live" on December 6, court staff will not be able to change your login and/or password for you.

Please be advised that we are unable to reset your login and/or password over the telephone. All requests must be in writing (email) and the new password will be emailed to the primary email address for the account holder.

Is a PACER Administrative Account Right for You?

With NextGen requiring that all filers in your office have their own PACER account, many have found that a PACER Administrative Account (PAA) is essential for managing PACER billing. The PAA is free and does *not* have filing rights in CM/ECF; it is strictly a management tool offered by PACER. There is no limit to the number of accounts that can be maintained under a PAA.

PACER accounts belong to the individual users but under a PAA, you can consolidate billing for all authorized users in your office and add or remove authorized users as employees join or leave your firm. Please visit <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/help/faqs/pacer-administrative-account> for more information on an administrative account.

*All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.
~St. Francis of Assisi*



Federal Rules Changes Effective December 1, 2021

The following Rules amendments were approved by the Judicial Conference on September 15, 2020, adopted by the U.S. Supreme Court and transmitted to the U.S. Congress on April 14, 2021. Absent Congressional intervention, these Rules will become effective December 1:

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

- **Rule 2005** Apprehension and Removal of Debtor to Compel Attendance for Examination
- **Rule 3007** Objections to Claims
- **Rule 7007.1** Corporate Ownership Statement
- **Rule 9036** Notice and Service by Electronic Transmission

Forms and Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

- **Rule 3** Appeal as of Right—How Taken
- **Rule 6** Appeal in a Bankruptcy Case
- **Form 1 (A & B)** Notice of Appeal to a Court of Appeals from (1A) a Judgment of a District Court or (1B) Appealable Order of a District Court
- **Form 2** Notice of Appeal to a Court of Appeals from a Decision of the United States Tax Court

The Congressional package, including Committee Notes and red-line versions of the Rules, can be reviewed at <https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/>

Tips & Tricks

CM/ECF Web Browser Compatibility†

The following web browsers are tested for compatibility with "current gen" CM/ECF:

- ◆ Internet Explorer (IE): v11
- ◆ Firefox/Mozilla: up to v63
- ◆ Safari: up to v10.1
- ◆ Chrome: *not supported*

Browsers compatible with CM/ECF NextGen (v1.6) include:

- ◆ Internet Explorer (IE): v11
- ◆ Firefox/Mozilla: 78.0.2 - 80.0.1
- ◆ Safari: up to v12.1.2
- ◆ Chrome: 84.0.4147.89 - 85.0.4183.102
- ◆ Edge: 84.0.522.40-85.0.564.51

Please ensure that you are using a browser and version tested for compatibility with CM/ECF to avoid potential problems when filing.

CM/ECF version 5.3.4 ("current gen") is in use at FLNB through December 3, 2021. FLNB will upgrade to NextGen version 1.6.1 on December 6, 2021.

† Browser version compatibility current as of date of publication

Proposed Amendments Published for Comment

On June 22, 2021, the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure (Standing Committee) approved publication of proposed amendments to the following:

- Appellate Rules 2 and 4;
- Bankruptcy Restyled Rules for the 3000 to 6000 Series; Rules 3002.1, 3011, and 8003; and new Rule 9038;
- Official Bankruptcy Forms 101, 309E1, 309E2, and 417A; and new Official Forms 410C13-1N, 410C13-1R, 410C13-10C, 410C13-10NC, and 410C13-10R;
- Civil Rules 15, 72, and new Rule 87;
- New Criminal Rule 62; and
- Evidence Rules 106, 615, and 702.

The comment period is open from August 6, 2021 to February 16, 2022. Visit <https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment> for more information and to submit comments.

FLNB Website Updates

- ◆ [COVID-19 Court Operations Updates](#) - This page is updated regularly to provide you the most up-to-date information regarding operational status of the court as related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ◆ [Negative Notice List Updated](#) (7/16/21)
- ◆ [Update to Administrative Procedures Associated with Standing Order No. 11](#) [the *Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means*] (7/6/21)
- ◆ [Student Loans](#) - A new page providing resources for debtors with student loans to help determine if they have federal or private student loans and where to go to inquire with federal agencies about modifying these loans. The page will be updated as additional information is available. (5/19/21)
- ◆ [New Filing Events and Form for Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Provisions](#) (2/26/21)
- ◆ [New and Revised Local Forms](#) - New and revised local forms are noted as to the date of revision or adoption.
- ◆ **Other Regularly Posted Items:** Judgeship position announcements, attorney training events, unanticipated office closures, courtesy posts for the other courts in the 11th Circuit, U.S. Trustee Program news, PACER and Pay.gov maintenance updates, and more.

Be sure to sign up for website updates through GovDelivery to keep up-to-date on the latest news from our court. Register under the News & Announcements section of our [Home](#) page.

Happy Camping, Ann Laritz!

At the end of December, we will say our sad farewells to Case Administrator Ann Laritz who has announced her intent to retire. Ann will retire with 31 years of service with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida. Hired as a case manager when the Pensacola divisional office was first opened, Ann has been a steadfast wealth of knowledge for the practitioners and public in the Northern District, as well as for those of us who work with her. Ann and her husband plan to enjoy more of Florida's beautiful beaches, camping, and time with family and friends.

Julie Gibson —Tallahassee Data Quality Analyst/Trainer



Julie joined the Judiciary in 1991 at U.S. Probation in the Northern District of Georgia but shortly thereafter moved to Tallahassee and began working for the bankruptcy court where she has since served in multiple capacities. Currently, Julie is a Data Quality Analyst/Trainer. She is also a contracting officer, the training coordinator, and editor/publisher of *The Bankruptcy Advisor* newsletter. In her personal time, Julie and her husband enjoy spending time outdoors hiking and fishing, and spending time with their kids, grandkids, three crazy Boxer dogs and a tabby cat who thinks he's a dog.



Samantha Kelley —Tallahassee Career Law Clerk to Chief Judge Karen K. Specie



As the Career Law Clerk to Chief Judge Specie, Samantha hit the ground running in 2016 and has continued to pick up speed since! She was highly recommended by the bankruptcy judges in Jacksonville where she represented debtors in the Middle District of Florida. Samantha and her husband are parents of four: a two year old who keeps them hopping and three fur-babies.

Kent Rosenbaum —Tallahassee PC Systems Administrator



In the five years since Kent joined the Court's IT team, he has become an integral part of the overall support for our court. Kent is one the primary members of IT who works behind the scenes to facilitate courtroom technology, including the rapid transition to Zoom hearings with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure that everyone participating has the technology necessary for successful hearings.

Congratulations to each of you and thank you for all you do!

Latonia Isom Graduates from the NCBC LEAD Academy

Congratulations to Latonia Isom on her graduation from the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks' 2021 LEAD Academy! The LEAD Academy is a four-month program for non-supervisory bankruptcy court staff which helps the employees gain essential leadership skills to take on greater responsibility in their current positions. The program promotes Leadership, Excellence, Achievement, and Development through training programs, workshops, mentorship, and self-development, then application of the concepts learned from the program.

THE CLERK'S CORNER

By: Traci Abrams, Clerk of Court



It's the People Who Make It Work

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way the world operates. “Touchless” is a common buzzword as people learn to interact without getting too close to one another. The Clerk’s Office is certainly not immune to change and has found ways to promote safety while continuing to provide excellent assistance to those we serve. Although technology has made this possible, it’s the positive attitudes and efforts of people who make it work.

The Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Clerk’s Office continuously focuses on technological redundancies and flexibility due to our geographic location in a hurricane-prone region. The goal is to ensure that matters of the Court take place rain or shine, when feasible. While threats of hurricanes can certainly raise one’s blood pressure, we are fortunate in that our continuous planning prepared us for the rigors of the pandemic.

Technology alone cannot solve problems, however. Planning for emergencies takes people willing to think outside the box, expend time and effort to understand new systems and their impacts, apply new technologies to the organizational environment, participate in training, and adjust operational routines accordingly. The Court is fortunate to have an exemplary staff with the knowledge and talents needed to implement and even embrace change. The Court is also fortunate to work with attorneys and members of the public who have shown a high degree of flexibility and acceptance of change during the pandemic. Although the state of the world is not ideal, this experience has shown us all what we are capable of accomplishing when we work together.

Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association Annual Seminar

*Contributed by Michael Niles, President, NDFLABBA
and Trey Wright, Secretary, NDFLABBA*

The Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association is excited to present our 2021 Annual Seminar, which will take place on October 1, 2021. This year’s seminar will again be a virtual seminar via Zoom or other video conferencing software due to concerns regarding COVID-19 and the safety of the attendees.

This year we will have presentations on UCC Article 9, Subchapter V bankruptcy, and the Bankruptcy Student Loan Modification Program. Additionally we will present the Judges Panel, U.S. Trustee Report, Clerk’s Office Report, and the Caselaw Update.

As an Association, we continue to monitor the COVID situation however, at this time we intend to proceed forward with the 2021 Annual Seminar.

For more information and to register for the seminar, visit the Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association website at <https://www.ndflbba.com/cle-events>.

From the Office of the U.S. Trustee

Contributed By Mary Ida Townson, United States Trustee, Region 21



William J. Simonitsch to be Acting Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Florida

As most of you are aware, Charlie Edwards will be retiring as the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Florida effective August 27, 2021. Charlie is retiring from the U.S. Trustee Program with over 30 years of service, having served 23 of those years as an Assistant U.S. Trustee in Tallahassee and including a six (6) month term as Acting U.S. Trustee for the Orlando office.

While we will miss Charlie very much, I am pleased to announce that William (“Bill”) J. Simonitsch will become the Assistant Acting U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Florida following Charlie’s retirement. Bill is currently also the Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Orlando Office in the Middle District of Florida. Bill joined the Region 21 Team in October, 2020 following a distinguished 17 year career at K&L Gates, LLP, where he was a partner. During his tenure with K&L Gates, LLP, Bill represented secured and unsecured creditors, debtors and asset purchasers in bankruptcy proceedings, assignments for the benefit of creditors, commercial foreclosures, and judgment enforcement actions.

Bill has held a variety of leadership positions in the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, the American Bar Association, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, including serving as President for the 2013-2014 term. He also served on the Unincorporated Business Entities Study Group in connection with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Bill received both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Florida State University. His Juris Doctor Degree was conferred, magna cum laude, by the University of Miami School of Law, where he served on the Law Review Editorial Board and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Please join me in welcoming AUST Bill Simonitsch as the Acting Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Florida. Also, please join me in congratulating Charlie on his much deserved retirement.

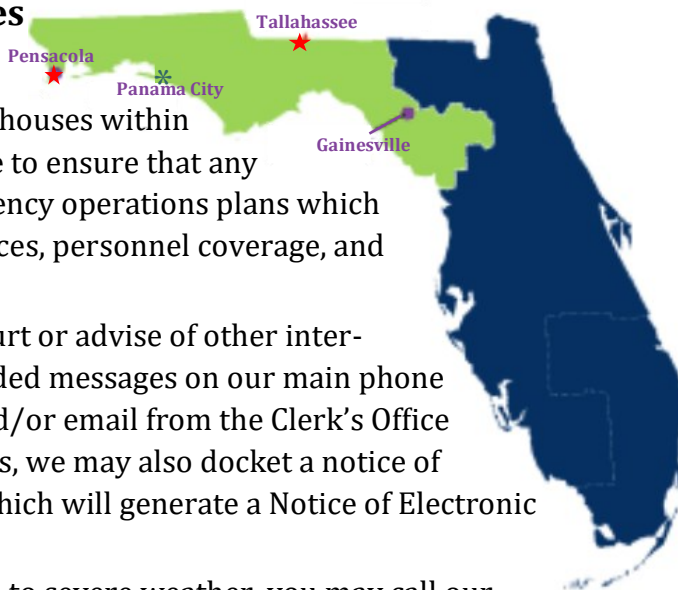
Notifications of Unexpected Office Closures

For reasons of inclement weather or other unanticipated occurrences, closure of one or more courthouses within the district can occur with little or no notice. We strive to ensure that any interruption 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.

Should the need arise to reschedule or relocate court or advise of other interruptions in service, you will be advised through recorded messages on our main phone line, *Announcements* posted to the Court’s website, and/or email from the Clerk’s Office via GovDelivery. 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 (NEF) to all electronic parties in the cases.

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

* The U.S. Courthouse in Panama City is closed indefinitely as a result of damage from Hurricane Michael in 2018.



Bankruptcy in the News

Bankruptcy Filings Plunged to Lowest Number since 1985

According to the website of the [United States Courts](https://www.uscourts.gov) in an article published on August 4, 2021, personal and business bankruptcy filings fell 32.2% for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2021. The Administrative Office reports these are the lowest numbers for a 12-month period since 1985. Read the full article at www.uscourts.gov/news/2021/08/04/bankruptcy-filings-plunged-lowest-number-1985.

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In our own thoughts and words, we create our own weaknesses and our own strengths. ~ Betty Eadie

A Few Friendly Reminders

Matrix Deficiencies: Parties listed on *Schedules G (Executory Contracts & Unexpired Leases) and H (Codebtors) should always be listed on the matrix*. The Case Administrators frequently must add these parties to the mailing matrix when performing quality control checks of new case filings. If applicable, please check the settings in your software to include these parties.

Timely Submission of Proposed Orders: Pursuant to N.D. Fla. LBR 9072-1(E), proposed orders (POs) should be submitted within three days of conclusion of a hearing or expiration of a response or objection deadline. *Please do not submit your proposed orders before the expiration of a response deadline*. All POs must comply with this Court's [Proposed Orders Guidelines](#).

Orders on Applications for Compensation: When submitting a proposed order on an Application for Compensation, the *fee and expense amounts should be listed separately* and match amounts entered into CM/ECF when filing the Application. This will ensure that we are able to provide an accurate accounting on the annual the professional fees reports.

Your attention to and cooperation in these matters is appreciated!



Caseload Statistics

The monthly, year-to-date, and annual caseload statistics for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida are posted to our website no later than the 15th of each month. A new report showing filings by county was added earlier this year. Learn more at www.flnb.uscourts.gov/court-filing-statistics.

ATTENTION • ACHTUNG • ATENCIÓN

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida will upgrade to
CM/ECF "NextGen"
December 3-5, 2021

**CM/ECF WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
 DURING DECEMBER 3-5, 2021.**

Please make a note and prepare accordingly.

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Quality Control Review of Proofs of Claim

The Clerk's Office QC of claims filed by creditors is limited to confirming the claim was filed in the correct case. We do not verify the accuracy of the information entered into CM/ECF or attachments to the claim. Please review your information before submitting the claim for filing.

QC of claims filed by the Debtor or Trustee will be reviewed and processed in accordance with the applicable Rules.

2021 Holiday Closings

We will be closed in observance of the following federal holidays pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 6103:

Monday, September 6
 Labor Day

Monday, October 11
 Columbus Day

Thursday, November 11
 Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 25
 Thanksgiving

Friday, December 24
 Christmas Day*

Friday, December 31
 New Year's Day*

CM/ECF and PACER will be available for filing and case access.

**Federal holidays that fall on a Saturday or Sunday are observed on Friday or Monday, respectively, by employees who work a traditional work week.*

Pro Bono Honor Roll

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Florida, takes pleasure in recognizing the efforts of attorneys who provide legal assistance, without compensation, to those who face substantial economic hardship so that they are able to navigate through the bankruptcy process. These services greatly benefit our nation's bankruptcy system and all of its components. Those volunteer efforts include *pro bono* legal representation for qualifying parties in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings, reaffirmation agreements, and stay relief. We recognize and thank the following *pro bono* volunteers for their current and continued support in serving the people of our district:

Amy Logan Sliva, Sliva Law Firm

Byron Wright, III, Bruner Wright, P.A.

India Footman, Footman Law Firm, P.A.

Kevin A. Forsthoefel, Ausley & McMullen, P.A.

Sharon T. Sperling, Law Office of Sharon T. Sperling

FLNB Resources

Rev. 10/20

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

Jestin Hawkins
(850) 521-5016

Latonia Isom
Court Operations Specialist
(850) 521-5012

Tammi Boswell
Director of Operations
(850) 521-5011

Carolyn Romine
(850) 470-3062

Karla Lee Hue
(407) 237-8019
For cases assigned to Judge Jennemann

Janet Weems-Cainion
Courtroom Deputy &
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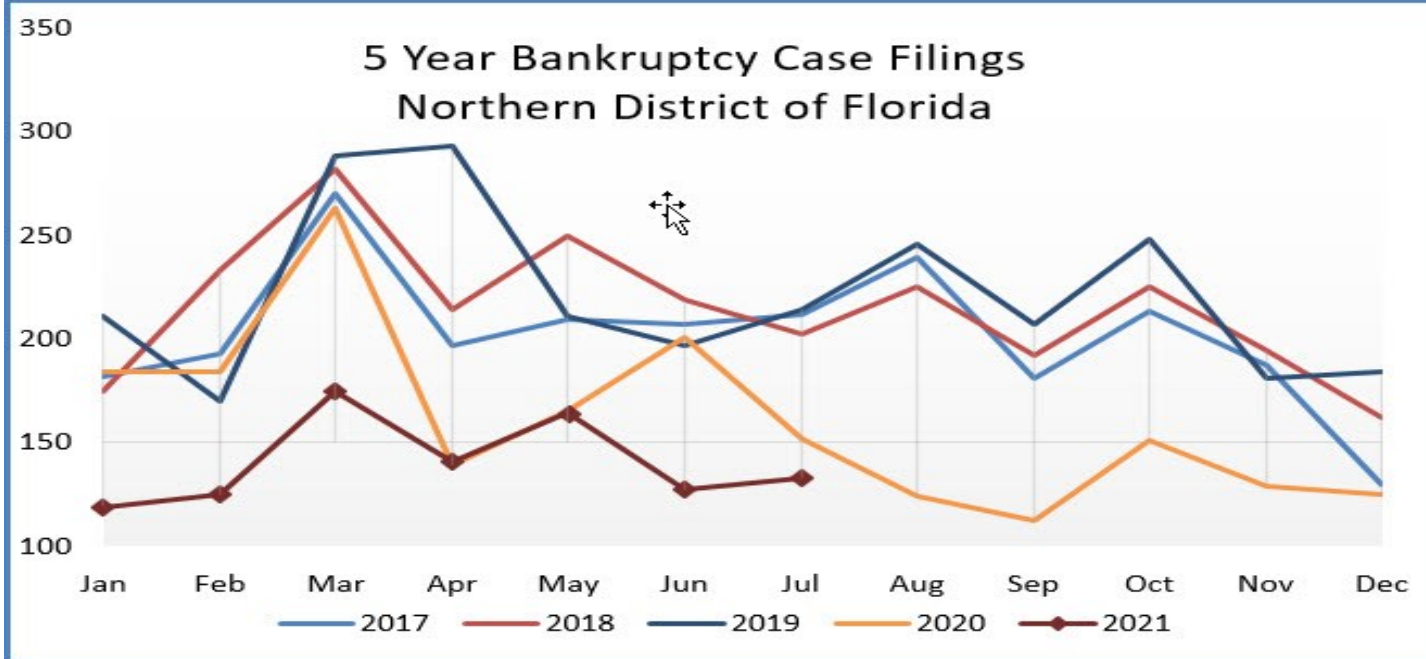
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