

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE REGARDING SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO BANKRUPTCY FORMS
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015**

Practitioners are advised that most Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted, and renumbered versions effective December 1, 2015, if approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States at its September 2015 meeting. 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.

Some of the modernized forms are already in effect and will simply be renumbered on December 1, 2015. All but six existing forms are scheduled to be replaced by modernized versions.

Almost all the Director's Bankruptcy Forms are also scheduled to be replaced by updated and renumbered versions on December 1, 2015.

Attorneys should contact their software vendors for more information. The revised forms and other related information can be found on the U.S. Courts website at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms>.

Dated: September 10, 2015

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Clerk of Court