IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO
300 Recinto Sur St., Suite 109
San Juan, PR 00901

Notice to the Bar and Public

IN RE: Amendments to Bankruptcy Rules and Official Forms

Notice is hereby given that changes to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Official Forms are due to take effect December 1, 2003, barring congressional action to reject, modify, or defer these changes. This document only points out key changes in the FRBP and forms. All of the changes as proposed may be found in the Federal Rulemaking page of the Judiciary's website at www.uscourts.gov/rules/index.html. Click on "Pending Rules Amendments Awaiting Final Action."

Key Changes

- Rules and forms have been changed to allow the use of the last four digits of the Social Security Number in captions and forms filed in a case. It is the responsibility of the filer to redact the information no longer required by the FRBP and revised forms.

- Amendments to Rule 1007 will require debtors to submit (not file) a verified statement of the debtor's full Social Security number (new Official Form 21). This document will be maintained by the Clerk of the Court, but will not be a part of the official file and will not be a public record.

- Amendments to Rule 2002 will require the Clerk of the Court to include the debtor's full Social Security number in the copy of section 341 meeting of creditors notice, Official Form 9, sent to creditors, the debtor, the trustee, and the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The copy of the section 341 notice included in the court case file, however, will contain only the last four digits of the Social Security number.

- The court will use the full Social Security number in its computer system, but users of the system outside the court will be able to see only the last four digits of the Social Security number. Users will be able to input and search on all nine digits of the Social Security number, but all screens will display only the last four digits.

- Bankruptcy petition preparers are still required to disclose the entire Social Security number of the individual who prepares the document. Notation is made "(Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110(c))."

- Official forms have been changed to no longer require full financial account numbers and names of minors or other dependents.

- Corporate disclosure requirements have been added for parties in adversary proceedings.

Notice is further given that the Clerk of the Court is not responsible for redacting Social Security numbers or other personal data identifiers from documents filed with the court. This responsibility rests completely with the filer of the document. Accordingly, the United States trustee, case trustee, standing trustees, and attorneys practicing in this court should review notices, reports, and other materials prepared by their offices, whether in paper or electronic form which will become part of the official case file, to ensure that personal identifiers no longer required are not included in such submissions. Documents filed with the court will not be returned for redaction and will become part of the public record.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 6th day of November, 2003.

Celestino Matta-Méndez

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re	)	
	)	
	)	Case No.
	)	
Debtor(s)	)	Chapter
	)	
Address:	)	
	)	
	)	
	)	
	)	STATEMENT OF SOCIAL
	)	SECURITY NUMBER(S)
Last four digits of Social Security No(s):	)	
all of Employer's Tax Identification No(s) [if any]:	)	
_____	)	

1. Name of Debtor:
Last, First, Middle)

(*Check the appropriate box and, if applicable, provide the required information*)

☐ Debtor has a social security number and it is:
(If more than one, state all)

☐ Debtor does not have a social security number.

2. Name of Joint Debtor:
(Last, First, Middle)

(*Check the appropriate box and, if applicable, provide the required information*)

☐ Joint Debtor has a social security number and it is:
(If more than one, state all)

☐ Joint Debtor does not have a social security number.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

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_____ _____
Signature of Debtor Date

_____ _____
Signature of Joint Debtor Date

** Joint Debtors must provide information for both spouses*
PENALTY FOR MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT: Fine of up to $250,000 or up to 5 years imprisonment or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571

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