

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO José V. Toledo Post Office & Courthouse Federal Building 300 Recinto Sur St, Suite 109 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

Notice to the Bar and the Public

Re: Emergency Filings during Holiday Season

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court will close as follow during the Holiday Season:

Wednesday, December 24 th , 2008	Closed at 2:00 PM
Thursday, December 25 th , 2008	Closed all day
Friday, December 26 th , 2008	Closed all day
Wednesday, December 31st, 2008	Closed at 2:00 PM
Thursday, January 1 st , 2009	Closed all day
Friday, January 2 nd , 2009	Closed all day
Monday, January 5 th , 2009	Closed all day
Tuesday, January 6 th , 2009	Closed all day

In case of an emergency filing, please call 787-977-6015. For what constitutes an emergency filing and procedure to follow please refer to Local Rule 9013-1(f), which is hereby attached.

The closing will not affect the court's electronic filing system.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 24th day of December 2008.

Celestino Matta-Méndez, Esq.

Clerk of the Court

- **(f) Emergency Motions.** If a movant seeks to have the court consider a motion on an expedited basis, it must file a separate motion entitled "Emergency Motion" and must call the attention of the Clerk to the emergency filing.
 - (1) **Contents of Emergency Motion.** The emergency motion shall be accompanied by a certification verifying that the proponent:
 - (A) has carefully examined the matter and concluded that there is a true need for an emergency hearing;
 - (B) has not created the emergency through any lack of due diligence;
 - (C) has made a bona fide effort to resolve the matter without a hearing.
 - (2) Limited Notice. Notice of an emergency motion shall be given by the party filing an emergency motion, and the party filing the motion must make a good faith effort to advise all affected parties of the motion and of the time and date for hearing, if any. These good faith efforts may include providing notice of the substance of the motion and of the date and time of hearings by telephone or facsimile transmission. These efforts may, and in appropriate circumstances should, include attempts to provide notice of the motion and a motion for an order limiting notice in advance of filing the motions.
 - (3) **Responses to Emergency Motions.** Written responses to emergency motions are required within the time established by the Court. If no response time is established by the Court, responses may be filed up to the time that the hearing is convened.
 - (4) Hearings on Emergency Motions. The Court will set the conditions for the emergency hearing and will schedule and conduct the hearing, telephonically or otherwise, as appropriate under the circumstances.
 - (5) Duty of Movant and Counsel to be Available. Upon the filing of a request for emergency treatment of a motion, movant and its counsel have a duty to be and remain available for immediate hearing or contact by the Court with respect to the emergency request.