

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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Notice 22-27

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Notice to the Bar and the Public

In Re: Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Official Forms Effective December 1, 2022

On September 28, 2021, the Judicial Conference of the United States (JCUS) approved proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The proposed amendments were transmitted to the United States Supreme Court on October 18, 2021. The Supreme Court adopted the proposed amendments, and they were transmitted to Congress on April 11, 2022. Absent Congressional action, the proposed amendments will be taking effect on December 1, 2022.

The amendments consist of twelve rules, and a proposed new rule, in response to the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 (SBRA), Pub. L. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079 (Aug. 26, 2019), (these are Rules 1007, 1020^1 , 2009, 2012, 2015, 3010, 3011, 3014, 3016, 3017.1, 3018, 3019, and new Rule 3017.2); and proposed amendments to four additional rules (Rules 3002(c)(6), 5005, 7004, and 8023).

A complete package of the amended rules can be viewed at <u>https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-and-forms-amendments</u>.

Proposed amendments to Official Forms 101, 309E1, and 309E2 were approved by the JCUS at its September 2022 meeting and will also go into effect on December 1, 2022:

¹ The Bankruptcy Threshold Adjustment and Technical Corrections Act (BTATC), <u>Pub. L. No. 117-151</u> (2022), made temporary changes to Rule 1020 that are set to expire on June 21, 2024, unless extended by Congress. This Court adopted Interim Local Rule 1020 through <u>General Order 22-02</u> on August 30, 2022.

- Official Form 101 Voluntary Petition for Individuals (revises lines 2 and 4);
- <u>Official Form 309E1</u> Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case (For Individuals or Joint Debtors) (revises line 7);
- <u>Official Form 309E2</u> Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case (For Individuals or Joint Debtors under Subchapter V) (revises line 8).

Changes to the official forms may be viewed at <u>https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-and-forms-amendments/pending-and-recent-changes-bankruptcy-forms</u>.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 30th day of November, 2022.

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