

The order below is hereby signed.

Signed: January 15 2026



Elizabeth L. Gunn
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

In re

**ORDER ADOPTING AND REVISING
LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES**

General Order No. 2026-01

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Pursuant to the entry of this General Order, the Court adopts Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-3 and the revisions to Local Bankruptcy Rules 9013-1 and 9014-1 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia set forth in Exhibit A hereto, effective February 1, 2026. The updated Local Bankruptcy Rules shall govern procedures in all cases pending on that date or filed thereafter.

[Signed and dated above.]

EXHIBIT A

RULE 2016-3 Disclosure of Compensation of Petition Preparers

- (a) Required Forms. A person who provided petition preparation services as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110 must provide to the debtor a copy of the Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2016(c) disclosure statement (Official Form B2800) and the Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature (Official Form B119) signed by the bankruptcy petition preparer for filing with the petition. The duty to sign and file Official Forms B2800 and B119 remains at all times with the bankruptcy petition preparer and, if the debtor does not file such forms, the bankruptcy petition preparer must sign and file Official Forms B2800 and B119 within fourteen (14) days after the petition date.
- (b) Disclosures Concerning Fees. If the fees charged by the bankruptcy petition preparer exceed the fee amount set forth in subparagraph (c) below, the bankruptcy petition preparer must attach to Official Form B2800 a signed declaration providing notice to the debtor of this Rule and stating the rate for services, the tasks performed, the time spent on each task, and providing a short, plain statement justifying the excess fees.
- (c) Presumption for Fees. For purposes of this Rule, a fee not exceeding \$125.00 is presumed reasonable for bankruptcy petition preparation services.

RULE 9013-1 Motions; Form and Service

- (a) Requirement of Written Motion. All motions shall be in writing and filed with the Court using the applicable NextGen CM/ECF docketing events, unless made during a hearing or trial.
- (b) General Procedure for Motions.
 - (1) Grounds for, Relief Sought. All motions, responses, objections, applications (other than for compensation) and similar requests shall state with particularity the grounds therefor and shall set forth the relief or order sought.
 - (2) Optional Supporting MaterialsMemorandum. A memorandum of facts and law filed by the parties in instances where they have determined that a memorandum would materially assist the Court in its determination of the issues, may shall be filed and simultaneously served, with proof of such service filed with the Court, upon all appropriate parties no later than seven (7) days prior to the hearing on the matter, unless otherwise ordered by the Court with or combined with a motion. Supporting affidavits or documents entitling the movant to the relief requested may be filed with a motion.

RULE 9014-1 Contested Matters

- (a) Local Bankruptcy Rules 7026–1, 7030–1, 7054–1, 7054–2, 7056–1, 7062–1, and 7067–1 apply in contested matters.
- (b) When the motion or objection commencing the contested matter is not timely opposed and seeks relief against a debtor who has already subjected the debtor to the jurisdiction of the Court by filing a petition commencing a case, the provisions of Local Bankruptcy Rule 7055–1 and the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act of 2003 will be deemed inapplicable unless the Court orders otherwise.
- (c) More than three (3) business days prior to any hearing scheduled on a contested matter, counsel for each party in interest, and any pro se party, shall confer or make a good faith attempt to confer to limit the issues and evidence and to resolve all or part of the matters

in controversy. Failure to do so may result in denial of the relief requested by the non-compliant party.

- (d) Parties shall file on the docket a notice of contested proceeding using the corresponding CM/ECF event no later than 4:00 p.m. two (2) business days in advance of the scheduled hearing if any of the following is anticipated for the hearing:
 - (1) The hearing will take longer than twenty (20) minutes;
 - (2) Live testimony is necessary;
 - (3) Documentary evidence is to be presented; and/or
 - (4) Any exhibits to be introduced are subject to objection.
- (e) The Court may continue the matter to another date or time, request supplemental briefing or a joint statement of dispute, or make other requests or accommodations.