

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE:)
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BANKRUPTCY NOTICING) GENERAL ORDER 26-0005
CENTER SERVICE)
RESTORATION AND)
BANKRUPTCY RULES)
EMERGENCY)
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ORDER

On October 22, 2026, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a bankruptcy rules emergency (“Rules Emergency”) under Rule 9038 (“Rule 9038”) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (“Bankruptcy Rules”) that applies to all bankruptcy courts for a period of 90 days beginning on October 9, 2026, through January 7, 2027. The Rules Emergency declaration was based on a finding that extraordinary circumstances - the nationwide disruption of services provided by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (“BNC”) from October 7 through October 25, 2026 (“Service Disruption”) - substantially impaired the courts’ ability to perform their functions in compliance with the Bankruptcy Rules.

Although the Court addressed some of the service issues, either by mailing original or issuing amended notices during the Service Disruption, and notwithstanding the BNC’s resumption of operations on October 26, 2026, the overall lack of notice provided during the Service Disruption necessitates the continuation of the Rules Emergency.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

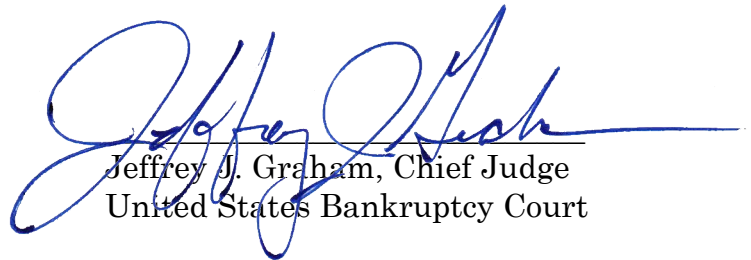
1. This Order applies to all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings pending in or commenced in the Southern District of Indiana while this Order remains effective.

2. To the extent practicable, and consistent with the Bankruptcy Code, no debtor, creditor, trustee, or other party in interest shall be prejudiced by a failure to act by a stated deadline or within a specified period due to a lack of notice or the failure to respond to a notice or order that was not served because of the Service Disruption, subject to applicable law and further order of the Court. The Court may summarily deny an objection to an untimely filed document if it determines, upon review of the case docket, that the delay was a result of the Service Disruption.
3. The dates and deadlines set forth within the following documents issued during the Service Disruption, as well as any notices and orders served by the Court, a debtor, a creditor, a trustee, the United States trustee or a party in interest during that time, stand as stated therein:
 - a. Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing
 - i. Deadlines for filing proofs of claim;
 - ii. Exceptions to discharge under 11 U.S.C. §§ 523(a)(2), (4) or (6), 11 U.S.C. § 523(c), or 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f);
 - iii. Objections to discharge under 11 U.S.C. §§ 727(a)(2)-(7) or § 727(a)(8) or (9);
 - iv. Objections to exemptions; and
 - b. the proof of claim deadline contained in the Court's Notice of Possible Assets, Abandonment, and Last Day to File Claims.

Parties prejudiced by the retention of the original dates and deadlines referenced herein may avail themselves of the remedies available under the applicable Bankruptcy Rules to request an extension, which the Court intends to liberally grant – absent good cause shown – to the extent the notice was issued during the Service Disruption.

4. In circumstances not otherwise addressed, or for which the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules provide no explicit mechanism for relief, the Court is authorized to grant appropriate relief in a specific case or proceeding under Rule 9038(c)(2) upon a determination that relief is warranted to address a lack of notice or the failure to respond to a notice or order that was not served because of the Service Disruption. Pursuant to Rule 9038(c)(1)(A), such relief may include the extension or tolling of a Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order that requires or allows the Court, the Clerk, a party in interest, or the United States trustee, by a specified deadline, to commence a proceeding, file or send a document, hold or conclude a hearing, or take any other action.
5. The Court is further authorized, under Rule 9038(c)(4), to lengthen or shorten an extension or a tolling period in a specific case or proceeding for good cause after notice and a hearing, on the Court's own motion, or on a motion of a party in interest or the United States trustee.
6. All scheduled hearings shall proceed unless the Court orders otherwise.
7. This Order does not extend, shorten, or alter any statutory deadline.
8. This Order replaces and rescinds General Order 26-0003 and General Order 26-0004.
9. This Order shall automatically terminate upon the earlier of January 7, 2027, or the date on which the Judicial Conference terminates the Rules Emergency.

October 29, 2026



Jeffrey J. Graham, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court