

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

**CHAPTER 13 PROCEDURES SUMMIT:
INVITATION TO THE BAR**

The Bankruptcy Judges will be meeting with the Chapter 13 trustees in this District in Indianapolis the afternoon of Friday, June 23rd to discuss revisions to our form plan which are needed to comply with Fed.R.Bankr.P. 3015.1, effective December 1st. (The trustees and the local rules committee have already been working on the plan.) The discussion will include changes to practice required by other expected amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. If time permits, the gathering will cover other procedural issues identified by the Judges, the trustees, and the bar. Since some of the procedures to be discussed will be of interest to the bar, the Judges welcome the participation of practitioners at the summit.

The room in which the summit is to be held will not accommodate many. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Local_Rules_Comments@insb.uscourts.gov. Include your principal area of practice in Chapter 13 cases (debtor, mortgage lender, automobile lender, etc.) and the Court division in which you practice most frequently.

The Judges seek to obtain a broad representation from the bar, both as to practice area and geography, and have directed the Clerk to select attendees likely to provide that representation. If you express interest and are selected, you will receive a reply email with the location, start time, and a tentative list of the issues to be discussed.

A draft of the summit agenda is attached. To be certain the summit addresses issues of greatest interest or concern, the Judges invite all chapter 13 practitioners to submit suggestions or discussion items in advance of the meeting. Therefore, if you have a concern you would like addressed or a suggestion to improve the process and procedures in chapter 13 cases, please send an email explaining the issue to Local_Rules_Comments@insb.uscourts.gov.

The final version of the plan form that results from this meeting, as well as any local rules changes identified, will be circulated for public comment after the meeting.

June 7, 2017

/s/ Kevin P. Dempsey
Clerk

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Friday, June 23rd – Jury Assembly Room

2:30 PM Judge/Trustee/Bar Agenda

1. Latest draft of proposed local plan form
2. Early look at proposed edits to local rules
3. Who files the fee application for the professionals retained by the trustee or the debtor? The same as the filing of the application to employ?
4. Pro bono representation in Chapter 13 cases – is there a need? Reduced fee option like in Chapter 7 cases (in Indy)?
5. Suggestions for alternatives to “bad” auto loan reaffirmation agreements in Chapter 7 cases? Judges send debtors back to interact further with auto loan lender or even encourage visit to dealer for replacement vehicle. Tips from attorneys?
6. Section 1325(a) confirmation standards – do they apply when secured lender objects untimely?
7. Ongoing mortgage servicer issues?
8. Chapter 12: reminder that professionals for the debtor, including counsel, need to be employed.
9. Other?