

The background of the slide is a large, semi-transparent seal of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia. The seal features an eagle with wings spread, holding a shield on its chest and a bundle of arrows in its talons. Above the eagle's head is a constellation of stars. The seal is encircled by a laurel wreath. Text within the seal includes "UNITED STATES" at the top, "E PLURIBUS UNUM" on a banner across the eagle's chest, and "NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA" at the bottom. The words "BANKRUPTCY COURT" are also visible on the right side of the seal.

2024 Annual Meeting with the Bar

Vania S. Allen, Clerk of Court

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia

November 8, 2024

Statistics for 12 – month period ending 9.30.24

GANB is the 4th busiest Bankruptcy Court in the country – 19,103 cases filed

1. California Central – 24,983
2. Illinois Northern – 21,088
3. Florida Middle – 20,183
4. GANB – 19,103

#1 in Chapter 13s

Filings per 1,000 population – 2.58% - 12th highest in the country

11.1% of all filings were *pro se* – 13th highest in the country

Nationally, filings rose 16.2 %

Statistics (Cont'd)

- Calendar Year 2024 through 10.31.24 – GANB
 - Total filings are ↑ 7.6 %
 - 2024 – 16,099
 - 2023 – 14,952
 - 2022 – 12,478
 - Chapter 7s ↑ **11%**
 - Chapter 13s ↓ **1%**
 - Chapter 11s ↑ **324%**
- 78 Subchapter V Cases filed in 2024, through 10.31.24

FY 25 Budget

- Continuing Resolution ends at midnight, December 20, 2024
- In the event of a partial government shutdown, the federal judiciary has funding to maintain operations for approximately 2 weeks using non-appropriated funds.
- GANB will be open for business!



News, Announcements & Reminders

<http://www.ganb.uscourts.gov/emailupdates>

- **GANB Personnel Updates**
 - Human Resources Officer

- **Notice of Bankruptcy Judgeship Position - Northern District of Georgia at Atlanta**
 - Please see GANB website for additional information

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From the CM/ECF Desk:

- If you use filing agents linked to your ECF account, remember to unlink them from your trustee and/or attorney account when they leave your employment.
- When submitting updates to your ECF account via PACER, ensure the update is not a change to firm name unless you have filed the name amendment with the Secretary of State. Otherwise, new ECF account is required.
- Your name, address, and other contact information contained in documents filed with the Court should match the information contained in your ECF account.
- If you are unsure about what event to use when filing a pleading, utilize the Search button on the blue menu bar when logged into ECF, or call the ECF helpdesk for assistance.

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From the CM/ECF Desk:

- There is an updated transcript request form effective October 1st for selecting delivery method for audio transcripts: CD or MP3. The form is available on our website.
- Best Practices when an attorney leaves a firm, but the firm still represents the party, the firm should:
 - **Step One:** Contact the ECF helpdesk by phone or email ecf_helpdesk@ganb.uscourts.gov as soon as possible
 - **Step Two:** Depending upon the circumstances of the case(s), the ECF helpdesk will provide options for filing a Certificate of Consent to Withdrawal, Notice or Motion so the departing employee may be terminated from the case(s).
 - **Step Three:** The ECF helpdesk will assist in getting your PACER account unlinked from your ECF account and provide instructions for registering for a new ECF account, if applicable.
- Reminder to file Financial Management Certificate and 1328 Certificate.

Online Procedures Manual “OPM”

www.ganb.uscourts.gov

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Georgia
Honorable Barbara Ellis-Monro, Chief Judge · Vania S. Allen, Clerk of Court

Understanding Bankruptcy | Court Information | Judges' Information | Attorney Information | Filing Without an Attorney | Creditor Information | CM/ECF Information | General Information | Forms

[Case Locator \(PACER\) »](#)
[E-Filing \(CM/ECF\) »](#)
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[Electronic Claims \(ePOC\) »](#)

[Dial-In and Virtual Bankruptcy Hearing Information](#)

Atlanta

Court Locations

Atlanta

Richard B. Russell Federal Building and United States Courthouse
75 Ted Turner Drive, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
Telephone: (404) 215-1000

Gainesville

Sidney O. Smith Federal Building and United States Courthouse
121 Spring Street SE, Room 120
Gainesville, GA 30501
Telephone: (678) 450-2700

Newnan

Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse
18 Greenville Street

Filing Options for Pro Se Debtors

DeBN - Debtor Electronic Noticing

Case Information

Online Payments

Online Procedures Manual

Chapter 11 Resources

Attorney Calendar

Local Rules & General Orders

News & Announcements

Tue, 11/05/2024

Reminder: Public Notice of Virtual Meeting with the Clerk of Court Friday, November 8, 2024

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Tue, 10/15/2024

Notice of Bankruptcy Judgeship Position - Middle District of Florida at Tampa

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Tue, 10/15/2024

Notice of CM/ECF Maintenance on Saturday, October 19, 2024

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Fri, 10/11/2024

Notice of Bankruptcy Judgeship Position -

Technology You Can Use

- Evidence Presentation Options – in Courtroom
 - Document Camera
 - Laptop Connection Screen Sharing
- Technology Tools Available for Use
 - iPads
 - Projectors
 - VTC - video teleconference system

Technology You Can Use

- Attorney WiFi
 - Free WiFi access available in all GANB courtrooms and attorney lounges for attorneys to connect their personal devices to the Internet.
 - The password updates occasionally, so please see the courtroom deputy for the most recent password. Additionally, the password is posted in the attorney lounges.

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<http://www.ganb.uscourts.gov/emailupdates>

Around the RBR Courthouse

-Mindful of Construction and Delays

-Upcoming Downtown Events:

-College Football National Championship, January 20, 2025

-FIFA Club World Cup, June 15 – July 13, 2025

-FIFA World Cup, June 15- July 15, 2026

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[Amended and Restated General Order 47-2022 | 03/01/2024](#)

Assignment of Multiple Case Filings.

[Amended and Restated General Order No. 44- 2021 | 04/30/2024](#)

Procedures for requesting, filing, and management of highly sensitive documents (HSDs).

Federal Rules and Forms Changes

Effective December 1, 2024

Bankruptcy Restyled Rules Parts I through IX,

Rules 1007, 4004, 5009, 7001, 9006 and Rule 8023.1

Official Form 410, Directors Forms 1040 and 2630

<https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-and-forms-amendments>

BANKRUPTCY RESTYLED RULES PARTS I THROUGH IX

- Bankruptcy Rules restyled to make the rules more easily understood and to make style and terminology consistent throughout the rules.
- The changes are intended to be stylistic only

BANKRUPTCY RESTYLED RULES PARTS I THROUGH IX

ORIGINAL	REVISION
Rule 1014. Dismissal and Change of Venue	Rule 1014. Transferring a Case to Another District; Dismissing a Case Improperly Filed

ORIGINAL	REVISION
Rule 6008. Redemption of Property from Lien or Sale	Rule 6008. Redeeming Property from a Lien or a Sale to Enforce a Lien
On motion by the debtor, trustee, or debtor in possession and after hearing on notice as the court may direct, the court may authorize the redemption of property from a lien or from a sale to enforce a lien in accordance with applicable law.	On motion by the debtor, trustee, or debtor in possession and after a hearing on notice as the court may order, the court may authorize property to be redeemed from a lien or from a sale to enforce a lien under applicable law.

BANKRUPTCY RESTYLED RULES

PARTS I THROUGH IX

ORIGINAL	REVISION
<p>Rule 6007. Abandonment or Disposition of Property</p>	<p>Rule 6007. Abandoning or Disposing of Property</p>
<p>(a) NOTICE OF PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OR DISPOSITION; OBJECTIONS; HEARING. Unless otherwise directed by the court, the trustee or debtor in possession shall give notice of a proposed abandonment or disposition of property to the United States trustee, all creditors, indenture trustees, and committees elected pursuant to § 705 or appointed pursuant to § 1102 of the Code. A party in interest may file and serve an objection within 14 days of the mailing of the notice, or within the time fixed by the court. If a timely objection is made, the court shall set a hearing on notice to the United States trustee and to other entities as the court may direct.</p>	<p>(a) Notice by the Trustee or Debtor in Possession.</p> <p>(1) <i>In General.</i> Unless the court orders otherwise, the trustee or debtor in possession must give notice of a proposed abandonment or disposition of property to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all creditors; • all indenture trustees; • any committees appointed or elected under the Code; and • the United States trustee. <p>(2) <i>Objection.</i> A party in interest may file and serve an objection within 14 days after the notice is mailed or within the time set by the court. If a timely objection is filed, the court must set a hearing on notice to the United States trustee and other entities as the court orders.</p>

RULE 1007

LISTS, SCHEDULES, STATEMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS; TIME TO FILE

- Amended in two ways:
 - **First**, 1007(b)(7) adds language to make the rule inapplicable to debtors who are not required to complete the instructional course concerning personal financial management as a condition to discharge.
 - **Second**, the rule is amended to require an individual debtor who has completed an instructional course concerning personal financial management to file the certificate of course completion issued by the provider of such course, in lieu of filing an Official Form, if the provider has not notified the court that the debtor has completed the course.
- 1007(c)(4) is amended to reflect the amendment to subsection (b)(7).

RULE 4004 GRANTING OR DENYING A DISCHARGE

4004 (c)(1)(H) and (c)(4) are amended to reflect the amendment to Rule 1007(b) that replaces the requirement for submission of a statement showing that the debtor has completed a course on personal financial management, with the requirement that the debtor provide the certificate of course completion issued by the approved provider of that course.

RULE 5009

CLOSING A CHAPTER 7, 12, 13, OR 15 CASE; DECLARING LIENS SATISFIED

Amended to reflect the amendment to Rule 1007(b) which replaces the requirement for submission of a statement showing that the debtor has completed a course on personal financial management, with the requirement that the debtor provide the certificate of course completion issued by the approved provider of that course.

RULE 7001

BANKRUPTCY RULES EMERGENCY

- Rule 7001 governs which proceedings are adversary proceedings.
- Rule 7001(a) is amended to create an exception to the proceedings required to be brought by adversary, mainly a proceeding by an individual debtor to recover tangible personal property under § 542(a).
- An individual debtor may need to obtain the prompt return from a third party of tangible personal property—such as an automobile or tools of the trade—in order to produce income to fund a plan or to regain the use of property that may be exempted.

NEW RULE 8023.1

SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES

Rule 8023.1 is derived from Fed. R. App. P. 43 and governs substitution of parties upon death or for any other reason in appeals to the district court or bankruptcy appellate panel from a judgment, order or decree of a bankruptcy court.

RULE 9006 COMPUTING AND EXTENDING TIME; MOTIONS

Rule 9006 Amended to reflect the amendment to Rule 1007(b) which replaces the requirement for submission of a statement showing that the debtor has completed a course on personal financial management, with the requirement that the debtor provide the certificate of course completion issued by the approved provider of that course.

Official Form 423 Abrogated

This is the official form currently required if a debtor seeks to notify the court of compliance with completion of a personal financial management course.

Official Form 410

Amended to permit use of the uniform claim identifier for all payments in cases filed under all chapters of the Code, not merely electronic payments in chapter 13 cases.

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor 1 _____
Debtor 2 _____
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____
(State)

Case number _____

Official Form 410 Proof of Claim

12/24

Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. Who is the current creditor?		
Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim) _____		
Other names the creditor used with the debtor _____		
2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?		
<input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. From whom? _____		
3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent? Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)
	Name _____ Number _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Contact phone _____ Contact email _____ Uniform claim identifier (if you use one): _____	Name _____ Number _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Contact phone _____ Contact email _____
4. Does this claim amend one already filed?		
<input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>		
5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?		
<input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____		

Director's Forms 1040 and 2630

B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/24)

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET (Instructions on Reverse)		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)
PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS	
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORNEYS (If Known)	
PARTY (Check One Box Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee	PARTY (Check One Box Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee	
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF ACTION, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)		
NATURE OF SUIT (Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1, first alternative cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)		
FRBP 7001(a) - Recovery of Money/Property <input type="checkbox"/> 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference <input type="checkbox"/> 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 14-Recovery of money/property - other	FRBP 7001(f) - Dischargeability (continued) <input type="checkbox"/> 61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(7), domestic support <input type="checkbox"/> 68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury <input type="checkbox"/> 63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan <input type="checkbox"/> 64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation (other than domestic support) <input type="checkbox"/> 65-Dischargeability - other	
FRBP 7001(b) - Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien <input type="checkbox"/> 21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	FRBP 7001(g) - Injunctive Relief <input type="checkbox"/> 71-Injunctive relief - imposition of stay <input type="checkbox"/> 72-Injunctive relief - other	
FRBP 7001(c) - Approval of Sale of Property <input type="checkbox"/> 31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(b)	FRBP 7001(h) Subordination of Claim or Interest <input type="checkbox"/> 81-Subordination of claim or interest	
FRBP 7001(d) - Objection/Revocation of Discharge <input type="checkbox"/> 41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	FRBP 7001(i) Declaratory Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 91-Declaratory judgment	
FRBP 7001(e) - Revocation of Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> 51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(j) Determination of Removed Action <input type="checkbox"/> 01-Determination of removed claim or cause	
FRBP 7001(f) - Dischargeability <input type="checkbox"/> 66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims <input type="checkbox"/> 62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny (continued next column)	Other <input type="checkbox"/> 55-SIPA Case - 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aa et seq. <input type="checkbox"/> 02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy case)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$ _____	
Other Relief Sought _____		

B2630 (Form 2630) (12/24)

United States Bankruptcy Court

_____ District Of _____

In re _____
 Debtor _____
 Plaintiff _____
 V. _____
 Defendant _____

Case No. _____
 Chapter _____
 Adv. Proc. No. _____

BILL OF COSTS

Judgment was entered in the above entitled action on _____ date _____ against _____

The clerk of the bankruptcy court is requested to tax the following as costs:

Fees of the clerk	\$ _____
Fees for service of summons and complaint	\$ _____
Fees of the court reporter for any and all part of the transcript necessarily obtained for use in the case	\$ _____
Fees and disbursements for printing	\$ _____
Fees for witnesses (Itemized on reverse)	\$ _____
Fees for exemplifications and copies of papers necessarily obtained for use in this case	\$ _____
Docket fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1923	\$ _____
Costs incident to taking of depositions	\$ _____
Costs as shown on Mandate of appellate court	\$ _____
Other costs (Itemized on reverse)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

DECLARATION

I, attorney for _____ (name of party) declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing costs are correct and were necessarily incurred in this action, that the services for which fees have been charged were actually and necessarily performed, and that a copy of this Bill of Costs was mailed this day with postage fully prepaid to:

Name of Judgment Debtor _____
 Address _____

Date _____ Signature of Attorney _____

COSTS ARE TAXED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT AND INCLUDED IN THE JUDGMENT: \$ _____

Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court _____
 Date _____ By Deputy Clerk: _____

General Announcements

- Weather – delays and closings – check WSB and the GANB website for official information.
- Recording of this meeting and the PowerPoint will be posted to the GANB website.
- Thank you for attending.
- Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to you and yours!



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