



MEMORANDUM

To: Bankruptcy Practitioners in the Middle District of Georgia
From: Kyle George, Clerk of Court, U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Georgia
Subject: **Adoption of Interim Local Rules and Other Matters January – February 2020**
Date: January 17, 2020

1. The Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States has promulgated Interim Rules and Form Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure in reaction to the passage of the Small Business Reorganization Act, which will take effect on February 19, 2020. The Interim Rules and Form Amendments were posted to our website at www.gamb.uscourts.gov on October 16, 2019 for a short period of public commentary. At that time, an email was sent to all bankruptcy practitioners registered in the Court's CM/ECF system giving directions to the Interim Rules for review.
2. The Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure has since adopted the Interim Rules. The judges of this court recently reviewed the Interim Rules and have decided to adopt them in their entirety. The attached Administrative Order #123 adopting the Interim Rules was signed on January 16, 2020 and will become effective on February 19, 2020. As the Court gains experience with the new Chapter 11 Subchapter V cases, the judges will review our Local Rules and determine if any Local Rules, other than LBR 3022-1 (which is the subject of a separate memorandum), need to be amended or abrogated. The bankruptcy bar is welcome to provide suggestions that will assist in making our Local Rules as efficient as possible without duplicating the Federal Rules.
3. In addition to the adoption of the Interim Rules, the judges have also asked that we review the Local Rules and ensure United States Code citations follow the correct format. Over the years, citations of the Code have become varied and this adjustment will bring our Local Rules back in line with proper citation. Because these changes are not substantive in nature, we will only have the public commentary period run for one week during the period January 17, 2020 to January 24, 2020. A copy with the corrected format may be found on our website on the Local Rules and Clerk's Instruction page under the link "Local Rules with Corrected Code Citations for Public Comment January 17 – 24, 2020." After January 24, 2020, the link will be removed and the Local Rules will be updated with the new, corrected, version.

4. If there are any questions, please contact me at 478-752-3506 or via email at Kyle_George@gamb.uscourts.gov.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

In re:

Local Rules of the
United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Georgia

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #123 ON THE ADOPTION OF INTERIM
BANKRUPTCY RULES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

WHEREAS the Small Business Reorganization Act, which creates a new subchapter of chapter 11 for the reorganization of small business debtors, was enacted on August 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States has promulgated interim rule and form amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the following interim rules are adopted in their entirety without change by the judges of this court to be effective February 19, 2020.

Rule 1007(b) and (h)	Rule 1020	Rule 2009
Rule 2012(a)	Rule 2015	Rule 3010(b)
Rule 3011	Rule 3016	Official Form 101
Official Form 201	Official Form 309E	Official Form 309F
Official Form 314	Official Form 315	Official Form 425A
New Official Form 309E2	New Official Form 309F2	


IT IS ORDERED that on or after the effective date as noted above, these rules shall govern all proceedings then pending or thereafter brought to the court.

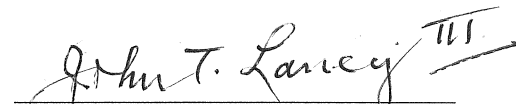
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court will place a notification on the court's website where the interim rules can be located on the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' website.


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IT IS SO ORDERED this 16 day of January, 2020.


JAMES P. SMITH, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Georgia


JOHN T. LANEY III, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Georgia


AUSTIN E. CARTER, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Georgia