



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Bankruptcy Practitioners in the Middle District of Georgia

**From:** Kyle George, Clerk of Court

**Subject:** Proposed LBR 1002-1 Pro Se Debtor's Statement of Assistance      September 23, 2019

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1. To help identify Bankruptcy Petition Preparer assistance to pro se debtors in preparing bankruptcy petitions, the court desires that all pro se debtors file with the Court a "Debtor's Statement of Assistance" which will more explicitly show whether the pro se debtor received assistance in connection with the filing of the case.

2. The proposed local rule will be added to LBR 1002-1 Petition – General. The rule will be restyled to include a subparagraph (a) (the current local rule regarding the requirement for unrepresented parties to file a photo ID with the petition) and the new subparagraph (b):

**LBR 1002-1 Petition - General. (amended November 1, 2019)**

(a) Any unrepresented party filing a bankruptcy petition with the Court, to include both of the joint debtors and of petitioning creditors, shall provide a photo identification to the Clerk at the time of filing, either in person at the Clerk's office or by mail, facsimile, or email filing. The photo identification may be a valid or expired government issued identification card. The photo will be appended to the petitioner's Bankruptcy Form B121, "Your Statement About Your Social Security Numbers" and filed as a restricted document by the Clerk's office. Failure to produce a photo identification will not prevent the Clerk's office from accepting the petition.

(b) Any unrepresented party filing a bankruptcy petition to include both the debtor and the debtor's spouse in a joint case and each of the petitioning creditors in a petition for an involuntary bankruptcy shall file with the Court a Debtor's Statement of Assistance in the form found in the Clerk's Instructions. Such statement shall be filed with the petition.

3. The proposed form is attached. Once filed with the court, the form will be docketed in the case and electronically noticed to all interested parties who receive Notice of Electronic Filing.

4. I would very much appreciate comments back to me via email no later than October 23, 2019. My email address is [Kyle\\_George@gamb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Kyle_George@gamb.uscourts.gov). Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

United States Bankruptcy Court  
Middle District of Georgia

IN RE:

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor(s)

**PRO SE DEBTOR OR PETITIONING CREDITOR STATEMENT OF  
ASSISTANCE RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE FILING OF THIS CASE**

I DID NOT RECEIVE ANY ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING THIS CASE FOR FILING.

I DID RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING THIS CASE FOR FILING.

1. The person or firm that assisted is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I paid the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. I still owe the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. I agreed to turn over the following property or give a security interest in the following property:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I (we) \_\_\_\_\_, the Debtor(s), do hereby declare  
under penalty of perjury that the statements made are true and correct.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Joint Debtor