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On February 29th, 2012, the Northern District of Iowa's Bankruptcy Clerk's Office will say goodbye to the Honorable William L. Edmonds, wishing him well as he embarks on a new phase of life. After faithfully serving the Northern District of Iowa as a bankruptcy judge for nearly 25 years, Judge Edmonds will be stepping down from the bench and leaping (Get it? Leaping? On Leap Year? Come on, that was pretty good...) into a well-deserved retirement. This edition of The Filer will address a number of questions you may have about the impact of Judge Edmonds' departure on your pending and future Western Division cases.

Judge Edmonds, we thank you for your tireless and dedicated service to the Northern District of Iowa bankruptcy community, and wish you a relaxing and fulfilling retirement. Good luck, and as always, be careful out there!



Top 5 Questions Regarding Judge Edmonds' Retirement

1. What will happen to the cases that are currently assigned to Judge Edmonds?

All bankruptcy and adversary matters assigned to Judge Edmonds will be transferred to Chief Judge Collins, and CM/ECF dockets will be automatically updated to reflect the new judge assignment.

2. How often will court be held in Sioux City?

Initially, in-court matters will be scheduled to occur in the Sioux City Courthouse during a single week of each month. However, the frequency and duration of court held in the Sioux City courthouse will be highly dependent on the needs of the Western Division's bankruptcy bar and case activity.

3. Will the Sioux City Clerk's Office still be able to assist me?

Absolutely! Staff at the Sioux City Clerk's Office remain ready and willing to assist you with all of your filing needs. You will still see the same

familiar faces, both in the office and in the courtroom. The Clerk's Office hours will remain the same, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Stop in to see our friendly staff anytime, or call them at 712-233-3939.

4. What about scheduling matters? Who will handle those?

All scheduling/court calendar management will now be handled through a single point of contact. Julie Hubbell, Scheduling Deputy for both Chief Judge Collins and Judge Kilburg, will be happy to assist you with any scheduling questions or needs you may have. Julie may be reached at 319-286-2202, or via email: crsched@ianb.uscourts.gov.

5. Where should I send proposed orders?

As with scheduling matters, proposed orders will now be handled through a single point of contact in our Cedar Rapids office. Please direct all proposed orders to the following email address: crsched@ianb.uscourts.gov.

We anticipate that the transition surrounding Judge Edmonds' retirement will be a smooth one, and we have planned carefully and thoughtfully to ensure that any and all necessary changes will have as little impact as possible on our filing community. If you have any questions about this transition, please don't hesitate to contact the Sioux City Clerk's Office at 712-233-3939 or the Cedar Rapids Clerk's Office at 319-286-2200.

Notice of Mortgage Payment Change - New Docket Event

When the changes to Rule 3002.1 were implemented on December 1st, 2011, you may recall that we introduced three new docket events related to the rule changes. One of those events, the Notice of Mortgage Payment Change, was created to allow a claim holder to inform appropriate case participants anytime a change in payment amount occurs. We quickly realized that particular event had a flaw, as it assumed that the filer already had a claim on file, when, in fact, that was not always the case. As a result, the event was modified to allow the filer to indicate within the event whether or not a claim was on file. That helped some, but didn't entirely fix the problem, so we've taken it one step further and created an entirely new event.

Titled "Notice of Mortgage Payment Change (No Proof of Claim Filed)" and located under the Claim Actions category (see below), this new event should be used by a creditor any time they wish to advise appropriate case participants of a change in payment amount *but do not have a claim on file*. Once docketed, this event will appear only on the docket sheet for the case.

Available Events (click to select events)

Amended Report on Claims
Notice of Mortgage Payment Change
Notice of Mortgage Payment Change (No Proof of Claim Filed)
Notice of Postpetition Mortgage Fees, Expenses, and Charges
Objection to Claim

Those creditors filing a Notice of Mortgage Payment Change *with an existing claim on file* should use the Notice of Mortgage Payment Change event (shown below). Once docketed, this event will appear only on the claims register, as an attachment to the claim.

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for local, state and federal government agencies for three years.

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts has announced the effective date of this increase will be April 1, 2012. Additional reminders will be sent as the date draws closer.

Looking Ahead - PACER Fee Increases Effective April 1, 2012 -No Foolin'!



What'd We Miss?

The Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa values your feedback! If you've got topics you'd like to see addressed in future issues of The Frequent Filer, send us an email at: Training@ianb.uscourts.gov. We'll do our best to incorporate your suggestions!

As mentioned in the Clerk's October 17th, 2011 Letter to the Bankruptcy Community, at it's September 13th, 2011 session the Judicial Conference amended the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule for the appellate, district and bankruptcy courts, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the Judicial Panel on Multi district Litigation. The schedule was amended to increase fees from \$.08 to \$.10 per page for electronic public assess to court records through the PACER service. To lessen the impact of the increase, the Conference raised the quarterly exemption from \$10 to \$15 and suspended implementation of the fee increase

