

**U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

APPLICABLE TIME LINE FOR ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY

1. Complaint filed and summons served on defendant. **Service of the summons and complaint shall be made within 10 days after the summons is issued.** If a summons is not timely delivered or mailed, another summons shall be issued and served. Fed.R.Bankr.P. 7004(e).

2. The defendant shall **serve an answer within 30 days after the issuance of the summons**, except when a different time is prescribed by the court. Fed.R.Bankr.P. 7012(a).

3. A **scheduling order shall issue from the court within 45 days after the appearance of the defendant.** *See*, R.I. LBR 7016-1(c) and Fed.R.Bankr.P. 7016(b).

4. **At least 21 days before the scheduling order is due (which computes to 24 days after the appearance of the defendant)**, the parties must confer, make or arrange for the disclosures required by FRBP 7026(a)(1), AND develop a proposed discovery plan. *See*, Fed.R.Bankr.P.7026(f) and R.I. LBR 7026-1.

5. **Within 14 days of the parties' conference under FRBP 7026(f)**, the parties shall file a discovery plan with the Court containing the information required by FRBP 7026(f)(1)-(4) AND R.I. LBR 7026-1(c).

6. **Upon timely receipt of the discovery plan and within 45 days after the appearance of the defendant**, the court will issue its scheduling order. *See*, R.I. LBR 7016-1(c).