

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
District of Rhode Island**

**Minutes of the January 13, 2009 Meeting of the Attorney Advisory Committee**

The Meeting of the Bankruptcy Court's Attorney Advisory Committee was held at the Clerk's Office on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**            Russell Raskin                            Lisa Geremia  
                                 Robert Huseby                            Thomas Quinn  
                                 Charles Pisaturo                        Steven Boyajian  
                                 Catherine Eastwood                    Patricia Davis  
                                 Peter Furness

**Court Staff:**            Susan Thurston                            Jeffrey Dana  
                                 Alex Strom                                 Gail Kelleher

**Introduction:**        The meeting was called to order by Susan Thurston, Clerk of Court.

**Old Business**

1.     **Susan Thurston made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 17, 2008 and the committee approved the motion.**

2.     **Training Needs:**

Despite funding cuts, the RI Bar Association is willing to partner with the Attorney Advisory Committee to provide bankruptcy training. The goal of the training is to educate attorney and cultivate a larger base of attorneys who will agree to take *pro bono* cases. The training would be hosted at the Bar Association; the Bankruptcy Court would provide cd's and/or written materials. Susan solicited ideas for training topics:

Chapter 13 Practice	Exemptions
Means Test (7 & 13)	New Rule & Form Changes
Relief From Stay	Eviction
Reaffirmations	Credit Counseling & Financial Management

The Committee agreed that training was needed sooner than later and suggested May (prior to the annual June meeting). Susan will touch base with Susan Fontaine and Nancy Healy about dates and to confirm topics, then email the Committee members for trainers.

**New Business**

1. **Proposed Local Rule Changes - Rule 9037-1 – Privacy Protection**

The clerk's office will no longer strike unredacted personal identifiers. A Sua Sponte Protective order will issue requiring redaction of protected information, or limiting access to the document. All documents containing medical information protected under HIPA will be subject to a standing protective order.

2. **Proposed Local Form W – Chapter 13 Plan Changes**

The proposed new Chapter 13 Plan, Form W, was drafted using NC-W, PA-W & NYS bankruptcy courts versions. The content of the form was the subject of lengthy discussion by all. Susan will re-draft the form per the suggestions of the Committee and John Boyajian, and email to all for second comment before going out for official notice and comment to adopt.

3. **Request to Amend Rule 9010-1 – Pro Hac Vice**

Tabled until the April meeting.

4. **Chapter 13 Trustee's concern about Motions to Modify Secured Claim and debtor dismissals**

Issue was briefly discussed by the group, but will be placed on next meeting's agenda as well.

5. **Other Business**

None.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m.**