

| <b>Local Rule Amended</b>  | <b>Summary of Rhode Island Bankruptcy Court<br/>Local Rule and Form Amendments<br/>Effective September 9, 2013</b>  |
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| <b>Local Rule 1002-1 Petition - General (amended)</b>  | <p>(c)(1) Clarifies that a matrix must be filed on a computer disk in conventionally, not electronically, filed cases.</p> <p>(e)(3) Amended to reflect the Court's current procedure for handling corporate petitions filed without counsel.</p> <p>(3)(4) Petitions filed by corporations, individuals or other legal entities which list a dba or fka as a separate corporation will be accepted but treated as defective.</p> |
| <b>Local Rule 1005-1 Filing Papers – Requirements (amended)</b>  | <p>(d)(2)(k) Adds Motions to Vacate an Order and Motions to Reconsider as excepted papers with different response times.</p> <p>(d)(2)(L) Motion for Relief from Co-Debtor Stay has been added as an excepted paper with a different response time.</p> <p>(e) Outlines the treatment of late filed documents which are not accompanied by a motion to file out of time.</p>  |
| <b>Local Rule 1006-1 Filing Fee (amended)</b>  | <p>(e) Requires that R.I. Bankr. Form D be filed with an Application for Waiver of the Chapter 7 Filing Fee.</p> <p>(f) Increases the time to make the first installment payment after denial of an Application to Waive the Filing Fee to 10 days from entry of the order, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.</p>  |
| <b>Local Rule 1009-1 Amendments of Petition, Lists, Schedules and Statements (amended)</b>                               | <p>(c)(1)(A) Clarifies that for conventionally filed cases (not electronic), the creditor list must be filed on a computer disk.</p>  |
| <b>Local Rule 2002-1 Notice to Creditors, Equity Security Holders, United States and United States Trustee (amended)</b> | <p>(e) Authorizes the Clerk to delegate noticing to a trustee, debtor in possession, or other party when authorized by federal or local rule. The Clerk is further authorized to review the form of all such notices.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Local Rule 2002-2 Notice of Preferred Addresses Under 11 U.S.C. § 342(e)-(f) and National Creditor Register Service (amended)</b></p> | <p>(c) Technical amendment correcting a web address.</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 2014-1 Employment of Professional Persons (amended)</b></p>  | <p>(d) Sets forth additional requirements when filing an Application to Employ.</p>   |
| <p><b>Local Rule 2016-1 Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses (amended)</b></p>                                  | <p>(a) Removes Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 trustees from scope.</p> <p>(h) (1) Adds ERISA and Disability attorneys and removes accountants under this subsection which lists exceptions to fee application requirements. Further amendment adds that subsections (a)(3) and (a)(6) of R.I. LBR 2016-1 shall not apply if fee arrangement is on a contingency.</p> <p>(h)(3) Amended to include attorney for the Chapter 7 or 11 trustees as excepted fee applicants from certain filing requirements based on an increased fee threshold of \$5,000.</p>   |
| <p><b>Local Rule 3002-1 Filing Proof of Claim or Interest (amended)</b></p>   | <p>(a) Amended to clarify that the filing of a proof of claim may be made either conventionally or electronically. Electronically filed claims are deemed signed upon electronic transmission as provided under LBR 5005-(j)</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 3007-1 Claims – Objections (amended)</b></p>   | <p>(a) Amended to include a new objection to claim deadline in Chapter 13 cases. Any objections to claims in Chapter 13 cases must be served and filed with the Court within 60 days after the deadline for filing proof of claims, or within such additional time as the Court may allow. Claims which are not objected to shall be deemed allowed and paid by the Trustee in accordance with the confirmed plan.</p> <p>(b) The section containing the required response language for objections to claims was lettered and titled, “Response Time Required on All Objections to Claim”</p> |
| <p><b>Local Rule 3015-1 Chapter 13 Plan (amended)</b></p>   | <p>(c)(1)(A) and (c)(1)(B) Lists service requirements where the chapter 13 plan proposes modifications to a secured claim.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Local Rule 3015-2 Chapter 13 Amendments to Plans (amended)</b></p>                 | <p>(c)(1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The terms of the original plan remain in effect except as set forth in the most recent Form W.2.</li> <li>• The amended plan should include a brief description of all prior amendments.</li> <li>• The debtor must attach the original plan within the amended plan filing event in ECF.</li> </ul> <p>(c)(2) The Debtor is not required to re-serve the initial [original] plan, but it is required to be attached to the amended plan filing event in ECF, under subpart (1) above.</p> <p>(c)(3) Increases the confirmation hearing date from 21 to 35 days from the filing of an amended plan and notice thereof.</p> <p>(d)(3) Once the claims bar date passes, amendments to plans only need be served on the Chapter 13 trustee and on those creditors who have filed claims or have filed an extension of time to file claims.</p> <p>(d)(4) Removes the requirement that the Chapter 13 trustee provide the court with a written position on all motions to amend the plan after confirmation.</p> |
| <p><b>Local Rule 3016-2 Disclosure Statement General (amended)</b></p>                   | <p>Removes the requirement that paper copies of amended disclosure statements and/or plans be filed and specifies how amendments should be identified.</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 3017-1 Chapter 9 and 11 Disclosure Statement Approval (amended)</b></p> | <p>(b) Amended to include a reference to the new Local Form L.1, “Small Business Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement” for small business debtor which may be used and altered to fit the circumstance of the case.</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 4001-1 Relief from Automatic Stay (amended)</b></p>                     | <p>(a) Technical amendment changing the title of subsection (a).</p> <p>(b)(2) Amend to include the prohibition on combining a motion for relief from stay with a relief from stay against a co-debtor. Includes service requirements and reference to applicable response time to be included on such motion.</p> <p>(i) This is a technical and conforming amendment changing the term used to describe a pleading filed by a party from Joint Pre-Trial “Order” to Joint Pre-Trial “Statement”.</p>  |

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| <b>Local Rule 4001-2 Use of Case Collateral, Obtaining Credit and Stipulations Relating to Same (amended)</b> | This rule has been amended to include provisions for filing a motion for use of cash collateral, authority to obtain credit or a stipulation relating to the same.   |
| <b>Local Rule 4004-1 Grant or Denial of Discharge (amended)</b>   | (c)(3) Removes the requirement that the U.S. Trustee file its position when a Debtor files a Motion to Reopen.   |
| <b>Local Rule 4008-1 Reaffirmation (amended)</b>  | (B)(2) Where the debtor's attorney has not signed the attorney certification in the reaffirmation agreement, the Court will no longer treat the agreement as being filed pro se.<br><br>(d) If the attorney certification in the reaffirmation agreement is not signed, a hearing will be held and debtor's counsel will be required to attend with the debtor.  |
| <b>Local Rule 5003-2 Court Papers – Removal of (amended)</b>  | (a) Amended to reflect the court's current procedure for public review of case files.  |
| <b>Local Rule 5005-4 Electronic Filing (amended)</b>  | (a) (2) Added to encourage creditors without attorneys to become registered users with limited creditor filing privileges [limited filer] and informing claimants that they may file claims electronically without becoming registered users.<br><br>(b)(C)(iii) Removes, "facsimile".<br><br>(c)(1) Removes the requirement that attorneys who are exempt from electronically filing scan their documents at the court's counter.<br><br>(h)(2) Added information about the registered users responsibility to manage and maintain proper e-mail addresses on their accounts and the court's procedure for handling email returned as undeliverable.<br><br>(i)(1)(2)(3)(4) Updates excepted documents which are maintained by the Court in paper form.<br><br>(j) Added, "Proof of Claim" to list of documents which, when filed electronically, shall bear "electronic signature", including the /s/. |

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| <b>Local Rule 5005-5 Filing of Papers – Procedure for Striking or Terminating Defective Pleadings and Other Documents (amended)</b> | (a) Amended to reflect the Court’s current process for handling defective documents.  |
| <b>Local Rule 5072-1 Courtroom Decorum (amended)</b>  | (e) “Tablets” have been added to the list of technology with courtroom restrictions.  |
| <b>Local Rule 5077-1 Transcripts (amended)</b>  | (a) Differentiates how conventional and electronic filers should request a transcript.<br><br>(c) Amended to remove the provision that the court maintains a hard copy of the transcript and clarifies that the transcript is placed in the electronic case file.<br><br>(d) The requirement that a separate copy of the transcript be filed if designated as an item related to an appeal has been removed.<br><br>(d) New subsection (d) - Parties may order recordings of hearings on compact disk and clarifies that audio files of court proceeding are available on the electronic case docket for a fee. |
| <b>Local Rule 5078-1 Fees – Generally (amended)</b>   | Technical and conforming amendment indicating that defective pleadings will be terminated.  |
| <b>Local Rule 5080-1 Judges – Visiting and Recalled (amended)</b>   | Amendment makes clear that where a judge from outside the district is assigned, papers shall be filed electronically with the Rhode Island Bankruptcy Court or conventionally (to the extent applicable) in the Clerk’s office  |
| <b>Local Rule 5081-1 Signatures - Judges (amended)</b>  | Removes the term, “endorsement stamp” and removes the date of the Order Delegating Authority and replaces with, “most current”.   |
| <b>Local Rule 7016-1 Pre-trial Procedure; Formatting Issues (amended)</b>   | This is a technical and conforming amendment changing the term used to describe a pleading filed by a party from Joint Pre-Trial “Order” to Joint Pre-Trial “Statement”.  |
| <b>Local Rule 7026-1 Discovery - General (amended)</b>  | This is a technical and conforming amendment changing the term used to describe a pleading filed by a party from Joint Pre-Trial “Order” to Joint Pre-Trial “Statement”.  |
| <b>Local Rule 9003-1 Ex Parte Contact (amended)</b>   | This amendment gives the Clerk authority to docket ex parte correspondence at the direction of the Judge.   |

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| <p><b>Local Rule 9004-1 Treatment of personal Data Identifiers Consistent with Judicial Conference Privacy Policy (deleted)</b></p> | <p>Abolished and renumbered as Local Rule 9037-1.</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9006-1 Extension of Time for Discharge of Complaints and Objections to Exemptions (new)</b></p>                    | <p>Automatically extends the deadline to object to discharge, dischargeability or exemption for 7 days after the entry of an order determining such a motion.</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9010-1 Attorneys Admission to Practice, Representation and Appearances (amended)</b></p>                           | <p>(e)(5) Representation, Appearance and Argument by Eligible Law Student is deleted. .</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9013-1 Motions, Briefs and Memoranda of Law (amended)</b></p>  | <p>(a) The filing of a separate supporting Memorandum of Law with all motions and responses is removed, and instead, supporting points and authorities shall be included within the contents of the moving or responsive pleading.</p> <p>(b) Title of subsection amended to include motions, responses and replies.</p> <p>(d) Further clarifies when separate legal authority is not required.</p> <p>(e)(5) and (e)(6) Outlines the process for electronically submitting Motions to be Excused from Court.</p> |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9013-2 Motion Practice (amended)</b></p>   | <p>(c) This is a technical and conforming amendment changing the term used to describe a pleading filed by a party from Joint Pre-Trial “Order” to Joint Pre-Trial “Statement”.</p> <p>(d) Clarifies the process for filing motions for emergency or expedited determination. Single motion for both relief and determination must be filed.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Local Rule 9013-3 Certificate of Service – Motion; Notice of Hearing (amended)</b></p>            | <p>(a)(5) Chapter 13 trustee may serve any pleading on a chapter 13 debtor directly in addition to service on debtor’s counsel.</p> <p>(b)(1)(A) Corrects name of mailing report used for service.</p> <p>(c)(2) Conforms terminology with court practice.</p> <p>(d) Technical amendment.</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9014-1 Contested Matters (amended)</b></p>   | <p>This is a technical and conforming amendment changing the term used to describe a pleading filed by a party from Joint Pre-Trial “Order” to Joint Pre-Trial “Statement”.</p> <p>(d)(2)(A) Removes the statement which allows a party in default to have a matter reinstated.</p> <p>(d)(2)(B) Provides the court with discretion to bar defendant/respondent from presenting a defense where they are in default in filing a Joint Pretrial Statement.</p> |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9018- 1 Filing Under Seal (new)</b></p>  | <p>Outlines procedures for filing documents under seal and requesting that previously filed documents be placed under seal.</p>   |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9020-1 Contempt (deleted)</b></p>  | <p>This rule was abolished as duplicative of Fed.R.Bank.P. 9020.</p>  |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9070-1 Exhibits (amended)</b></p>  | <p>This is a technical and conforming amendment changing the term used to describe a pleading filed by a party from Joint Pre-Trial “Order” to Joint Pre-Trial “Statement”.</p>   |
| <p><b>Local Rule 9072-1 Orders - Proposed (amended)</b></p>   | <p>(a)Shortens the time from 14 days to 7 days from hearing for a prevailing party to prepare, submit and serve a proposed order.</p>   |
| <p><b>Appendix IV District of Rhode Island Maximum Attorney Fee Without Written Fee Application</b></p> | <p>(a) Conforms the maximum attorney fee for loss mitigation services in chapter 13 cases to the court’s recently amended Loss Mitigation Program and Procedures, Appendix IX, of \$2,000 and removes the requirement that the chapter 13 plan be confirmed to earn the fee.</p>  |
| <p><b>R.I. Form L.1 (new)</b></p>   | <p>New local form, “Combined Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement for Small Business Debtor” [See also LBR 3014-1]</p>   |