

OFFICE OF THE CLERK **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT** DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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Notice of Substantial Revisions to Official Bankruptcy Forms, Effective December 1, 2015

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

In furtherance of the judiciary's forms modernization project, please be advised that most Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted, and renumbered versions effective December 1, 2015, subject to approval by the Judicial Conference of the United States at its September meeting. Unless the Court has its own local form, use of the revised Official Forms will be mandatory beginning on December 1, 2015, if the forms are approved.

Attorneys should contact their software vendors for more information about when these revised forms will be released and available for updating. Additionally, the judiciary has been advised that the CINGroup's **EZ-Filing software**, used by many attorneys to prepare bankruptcy forms, will no longer be updated or supported after November 30 (<u>http://go.cingroup.com/ezfilingtransition</u>). Representatives at CINGroup have advised us that their users have been notified by email, phone and through messaging in the software itself, but as an extra precaution, we are notifying court users as well.

The revised forms and other related information can be found on the U.S. Courts website at http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms. As a result of these anticipated form changes, the Court will be making amendments to its local rules and/or local forms for conformity, which changes will soon be published for notice and comment.

Lastly, please be advised that training materials related to these form changes will also be distributed to the Bar in the coming months and added to the Court's website.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Geraghty, Operations Supervisor, at <u>amy geraghty@rib.uscourts.gov</u> or at (401) 626-3127.

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