

**VBA BANKRUPTCY COMMITTEE  
BENCH-BAR (BROWN BAG LUNCH) MEETING**

**with  
THE HONORABLE COLLEEN A. BROWN**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2006  
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Burlington Federal Courthouse  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courtroom  
Burlington, Vermont**

The topics for this informal discussion may include:

1. Form for Chapter 13 Plans (to be used in all cases) - there will be a local form for ch 13 plans; we will circulate a proposed form and give attorneys 30 days to submit comments, suggestions, proposed revisions. (*Jan Sensenich to circulate soon*)
2. the new PACER fee schedule: see attached
3. Procedure for dealing with cases filed without the Means Test Form
4. Procedure for dealing with cases that are ready to discharge where Debtor has not filed proof of completion of Debtor Financial Management Course
5. Procedure for Obtaining a Waiver of Financial Management Course
6. Local Rules and Standing Orders for new requirements
7. Update on Judge Marro portrait (Jennifer Emens Butler)
8. CM/ECF Tip of the Day
9. Other topics of interest

***These Bench-Bar Lunches are coordinated by the  
Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office.***

***Questions: Call Thomas J. Hart at 802-776-2002***

***No fee, no pre-registration required.***

***Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided.***

## PACER FEES

As directed by Congress, the Judicial Conference has determined that the following fees are necessary to reimburse expenses incurred by the judiciary in providing electronic public access to court records. These fees shall apply to the United States unless otherwise stated. No fees under this schedule shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and bankruptcy administrator programs.

- I. For electronic access to court data via **dial-up service**: sixty cents per minute.
- II. For electronic access to court data via a **federal judiciary Internet site**: eight cents per page, with the total for any document, docket sheet, or case-specific report not to exceed the fee for thirty pages— provided however that transcripts of federal court proceedings shall not be subject to the thirty-page fee limit. Attorneys of record and parties in a case (including *pro se* litigants) receive one free electronic copy of all documents filed electronically, if receipt is required by law or directed by the filer. No fee is owed under this provision until an account holder accrues charges of more than \$10 in a calendar year.
- III. Consistent with Judicial Conference policy, courts may, upon a showing of cause, exempt indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations and pro bono ADR neutrals from payment of these fees. Courts must find that parties from the classes of persons or entities listed above seeking exemption have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Any user granted an exemption agrees not to sell for profit the data obtained as a result. Exemptions may be granted for a definite period of time and may be revoked at the discretion of the court granting the exemption
- IV. For **printing copies of any record or document** accessed electronically at a public terminal in the courthouse: ten cents per page. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record requested is remotely available through electronic access.
- V. For every **search of court records conducted by the PACER Service Center**, \$26 per name or item searched.
- VI. For the **PACER Service Center to reproduce on paper any record** pertaining to a PACER account, if this information is remotely available through electronic access, 50 cents per page.
- VII. For a check paid to the PACER Service Center which is returned for lack of funds, \$45.