

VBA BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION
BENCH-BAR BROWN BAG LUNCH MEETING
with Hon. Colleen A. Brown, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court, Rutland
Friday, June 17, 2016 ~ 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Dial-in number: (888) 398-2342, Access Code: 8466872

AGENDA

1. REPORT FORM CMP TASK FORCE Jan Sensenich
Task Force: Jan Sensenich, Michele Kainen, Melissa Ranaldo, Rebecca Rice, Amy Klingler, Don Hayes, Lisa Penpraze, Jack Kennelly, Sarah Gullon, Nancy Geise
➤ TF will present questions, issues for discussion, proposed changes re CMP LR
2. CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE FORM UPDATE Jan Sensenich
➤ T has changed the Ch 13 Confirmation Order to clarify start/end dates of plan payments, modify/remove some paragraphs to conform with local practice and rules, and create white space on the top of page 1 for the court stamp.
3. UPDATED LOCAL RULES INCORPORATING STANDING ORDERS FROM 2012-2016 Judge Brown
➤ Website will have copy of the rules as revised, to include changes made by Standing Orders entered from 2012 through June 2016; and will be updated as Standing Orders are entered going forward.
4. ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLE Heather Cooper
➤ Date set for **Friday December 2nd**; location and agenda TBD
5. CIRCUIT REQUEST FOR VBA BK SECTION TO WORK ON FINANCIAL LITERACY Judge Brown
(www.care4yourfuture.org)
6. DATA ON SUCCESS OF MTGE MEDIATION / LOSS MITIGATION PROGRAM Judge Brown
➤ Handout to be made available at the meeting
7. MISCELLANEOUS MEDIATION ISSUES: Judge Brown
➤ Should mediator's fee be required to be paid by or at the 1st mediation session?
➤ Reminder that the motion to close mediation and motion to approve mortgage modification may be combined in a single document.
➤ If filing a RFS motion or stip re property that is the subject of an open mediation, state that in the motion and include a paragraph in proposed order closing mediation.
8. A 5-MINUTE TAX TIP FOR BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE Melissa Ranaldo
9. PRACTICE TIPS FROM CLERK'S OFFICE Theresa Davidson
➤ withdrawal of notice of pmt change or of stmt of post-pet expenses
➤ Use of new forms generally, and use of new declaration form
10. ANY OTHER TOPICS FOR TODAY? SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING? Heather Cooper

These Bench-Bar lunch meetings are coordinated by the Bankruptcy Court
Have a question about them? Contact Maria Dionne at 802-657-6432 or maria_dionne@vtb.uscourts.gov
No fee and no pre-registration required. Bottled water will be provided.