



VBA Bankruptcy Section Bench Bar Meeting

July 16, 2024 – Burlington Courthouse
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

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1. Updates from the Judge Judge Cooper
 - The Bankruptcy Threshold Adjustment and Technical Corrections Act, Pub. L. No. 117-151, temporarily increased the total debt thresholds for determining the eligibility of a debtor to proceed under chapter 13 and under subchapter V of chapter 11. The increased debt thresholds lapsed on June 21, 2024, and as a result, the following Official Forms have been revised:

Official Form 101 – Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Line 13)
Official Form 201 – Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Line 8)

Updated forms are available at: <https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms>
 2. Bankruptcy Section Co-Chairs Ryan Long & Greg Fox
 - Reminder - Bankruptcy Holiday CLE – November 22, 2024 at Vermont Law and Graduate School
 - Report on ABI Northeast Conference – Ryan Long
 3. Updates from U.S. Trustee's Office Lisa Penpraze
 4. Updates from U.S. Attorney's Office Jocelyn Brown
 5. Trustees' Update Ray Obuchowski & Jan Sensenich
 - Chapter 13 Trustee Update
 - Chapter 7 Trustee Update
 6. Updates from the Clerk's Office Jeff Eaton & Jody Kennedy
 - Introduction of new Case Administrator in Rutland
 - 9/27 Hearing Date changed to Thursday 9/26
 - 11/8 Hearing Date changed to Thursday 11/7

“Judges are like umpires. Umpires don’t make the rules, they apply them. The role of an umpire and a judge is critical. They make sure everybody plays by the rules, but it is a limited role. Nobody ever went to a ball game to see the umpire.” John Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court