

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

In re:

**Privacy of Debtors' Personal Information
in Cases Filed On or After October 17, 2005**


Standing Order # 05-03

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, with respect to all cases filed on or after October 17, 2005:

1. It is the responsibility of each debtor to safeguard the privacy of the debtor and any non-debtor's personal information made available to the public through the public nature of bankruptcy proceedings and/or electronic accessibility of bankruptcy records. It is recommended that each debtor take the following specific precautions to safeguard personal information that is often included in documents filed in connection with a bankruptcy case:
 - a. the debtor should redact all but the last four digits of the debtor's taxpayer identification number in all documentation filed with the Bankruptcy Court;
 - b. the debtor should redact the entire taxpayer identification numbers for any non-debtors identified in the debtor's tax returns, schedules or other documentation filed with the Bankruptcy Court;
 - c. the debtor should redact in their entirety the names of all minor children identified in any document filed with the Bankruptcy Court;
 - d. the debtor should redact all dates of birth listed on any document filed in the Bankruptcy Court, except the date of birth of the debtor; and
 - e. the debtor should redact all but the last four digits of any account numbers set forth on any document filed with the Bankruptcy Court, including the schedule of debts.
2. The Court shall limit the distribution of personal information where practicable and may enter any orders it deems appropriate to safeguard any personal information of a debtor or non-debtor, on its own motion or on the motion of a debtor or party in interest. However, the responsibility for protecting personal information of the debtor, and preventing dissemination of personal information relating to individuals and others affiliated with the debtor that might be included on documents filed with the Bankruptcy Court rests with the debtor.
3. In the event a party needs to file documents containing personal information, for example, for the resolution of a dispute before the Court or for the administration of the bankruptcy case, the party may move for an order sealing or redacting said documents, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §107.

SO ORDERED.

October 20, 2005
Rutland, Vermont



Colleen A. Brown
United States Bankruptcy Judge