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 **Public Comment Period on Revisions to the Local Rules**

Pursuant to the authority of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, as provided in Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, public notice is given of the proposed revisions to the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. You may access a redlined version of the Local Rules on the Court's website at <http://www.okwb.uscourts.gov/news/proposed-revisions-local-rules>

Comments may be submitted in writing no later than December 1, 2014 by email to cheryl_shook@okwb.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
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 **Use of Drivers' Licenses for Entry to Old Post Office Building**

The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum standards for state-issued drivers' licenses and the use of identification to enter Federal facilities. For

more information on the REAL ID Act, visit <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs>

On January 19, 2015, Phase 3 of the Act becomes effective. The Judges of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma have determined that the public may continue to use their Oklahoma drivers' licenses as photographic identification to enter the Courthouse.

Revisions to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

Revisions to the following Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure are scheduled to become effective on December 1, 2014:

1014, 7004, 7008, 7054, 9023, 9024, 8001 – 8028

Additional information on the revisions will be available prior to the effective date.

Amended Official Forms

Amendment to the following Official Bankruptcy Forms will be effective on **December 1, 2014:**

- B 3A Application to Pay Filing Fee in Installments
- B 3B Application to Have the Ch. 7 Filing Fee Waived (IFP)
- B 06 Summary
- B 17A Notice of Appeals and Statement of Election
- B 17B Optional Appellee Statement of Election to Proceed in District Court
- B 17C Certificate of Compliance with Rule 8015(a)(7)(B) and 8016(d)(2)
- B 22A-1 Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income
- B 22A-1 Supplemental Statement of Exemption from Presumption of Abuse under §707(b)(2)
- B 22A-2 Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation
- B 22B Chapter 11 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income
- B 22C-1 Chapter 13 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income and Calculation of Commitment Period
- B 22C-2 Chapter 13 Calculation of Your Disposable Income
- B 22 Committee Note

The revised forms may be reviewed at <http://www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms/BankruptcyFormsPendingChanges.aspx>.

Bankruptcy Filing Fee Changes

The following filing fee changes have been approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States and will become effective on **December 1, 2014**:

Motion to redact a record (New)	\$25.00
Upon notice from the Court of Appeals that a direct appeal or direct cross-appeal has been authorized (Increased)	\$207.00

Corrective Entry Reminders

Attorney Signature Block

Attorney Signatures must include a signature block as specified by Local Rule 9004-1: “When a Document is signed by an attorney, the attorney’s full name, state bar number, address, email address, telephone number, facsimile number (if applicable), and name of party or parties represented shall be shown on the Document beneath the signature line.”

REMEMBER: Every filing by an attorney must include the attorney’s personal or electronic signature except for Chapter 11 monthly operating reports pursuant to Local Rule 2015-1 B.

Financial Management Certificate

Ensure that the correct CM/ECF event is used to file a Financial Management:

Certificate: Bankruptcy > Other > Financial Management Certificate.

Ensure that the correct PDF is attached to the entry. Do not attach the Certificate of Credit Counseling. A case can be administratively closed for failure to file the Financial Management Certificate timely.

Case Initiation Documents

Ensure that the Debtor’s Statement of Social Security Number, Official Form B 21, is filed at case opening.

Cover Sheets

To ensure that documents are signed, the following documents require a cover sheet:

- Pay Advice/Employee Income Records (Local Form 2)-Local Rule 1007-1
- Amendments to Petition, Statements, Lists, or Schedules-Local Rule 1009-1
- Reaffirmation Agreement-Local Rule 4008-1
- Documents filed under seal pursuant to court order-Local Rule 5005-1
- Adversary cases filed in paper format only-Local Rule 7003-1
- Affidavits should include a cover sheet unless they are captioned and signed by the filing attorney