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Changes to the following Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure will become effective on December 1, 2018:

Rule 3002.1: Relates to modifications of home equity lines of credit and to the determinations of the validity of claimed fees, expenses, or charges.

Rule 5005: Makes electronic filing mandatory in all districts for entities represented by attorneys, unless non-electronic filing is allowed by the Court for good cause.

Rule 7004: Updates the cross-reference to FRCP 4.

Rule 7062: Retains the 14-day period for the automatic stay of a judgment.

Rule 8002: Clarifies that a notice of appeal and other papers are timely filed by inmates if certain requirements are met.

Rule 8006: Permits a Court to file a statement on the merits of a certificate for direct review by the Court of Appeals when the certification is made jointly by all parties to the appeal. Filing of the statement is discretionary.

Rule 8007: Removes the word “supersedeas” from bond requirements to obtain a stay of judgment and permits a party to obtain a stay by providing a “bond or other security.”

Rule 8010: Removes the word “supersedeas” from bond requirements.

Rule 8011: Addresses filing, service, and signatures in bankruptcy appeals and is intended to clarify inmate filings.

Rule 8013: Amended to replace page limits for motions and responses with word limits in appellate documents.

Rule 8015: Permits a Court to increase the length of briefs and other documents.

Rule 8016: Conforms to Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure reducing word limits.

Rule 8017: Conforms to Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure regarding amicus filings on petitions for rehearing.

Rule 8018.1 (New): Allows the District Court to treat a Bankruptcy Court's order as proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law if the District Court determines that the Bankruptcy Court lacked constitutional authority to enter final judgment.

Rule 8021: Removes the reference to supersedeas bond and substitutes "bond or other security."

Rule 8022: Conforms with Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure to substitute word limits in motions for rehearing.

Rule 9025: Updates the references to parties who provide security, deleting the word surety.

Additionally, slight changes were made to the Chapter 13 Discharge form.

Reception Honoring Grant Price, Retiring Court Clerk

A reception will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Court Clerk's Offices to honor retiring Court Clerk Grant Price. Members of the Bar are invited to attend.