



**United States Bankruptcy Court  
District of New Mexico  
Office of the Clerk  
Norman H. Meyer, Jr., Clerk of Court**

**September 19, 2003**

**Notice to Practitioners No. 2003-09**

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**A. Retroactive Extension of Chapter 12**

On August 15, 2003, the President signed into law H.R. 2465 (Public Law 108-73), which retroactively extends chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code for six months from its previous expiration date of July 1, 2003. As a result, chapter 12 has been extended until January 1, 2004.

**B. Open House: Friday, October 3**

The judges cordially invite you to attend an open house in celebration of our new space on Friday, October 3, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The clerk's office is located on the 10th floor and the judges' chambers and courtrooms are located on the 13th floor. We would appreciate your letting us know if you will be able to attend. Please call Karen Martinez at 505-348-2448 or contact her via e-mail at [karen\\_martinez@nmcourt.fed.us](mailto:karen_martinez@nmcourt.fed.us) by Monday, September 29.

**C. Updated List of Standard Creditor Addresses**

The Clerk's Office has posted an updated list of standard creditor addresses to its website at [www.nmcourt.fed.us/web/BCDOCS/bcindex.html](http://www.nmcourt.fed.us/web/BCDOCS/bcindex.html), under General Information. This is a list of local and national creditors who have agreed to participate in the Clerk's standard creditor address program by providing a uniform and standard address for debtors' attorneys and *pro se* debtors to use to expedite and ensure notice to these creditors.

The Clerk's Office encourages practitioners and *pro se* persons to use a creditor's standard address wherever possible. The Clerk's Office does not make changes to initially submitted mailing lists, updating them only on a case-by-case basis to reflect changes indicated by filed documents such as a notice

of entry of appearance or a notice of change of address.

If you are a creditor and would like to participate in the standard creditor address program, you may obtain the form from our website.

Please address questions regarding the standard creditor address program to Melissa Romero, Operations Manager, at 505-348-2500.

**D. Forthcoming Changes in Procedures Due to Amendments to Federal Rules Effective December 1**

At its September 2002 session, the Judicial Conference approved proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Official Bankruptcy Forms which will implement the Conference policy on privacy and public access to electronic case files. Barring Congressional action, these amendments will take effect December 1, 2003.

The amendments are consistent with the Judicial Conference's September 2001 policy statement regarding documents in bankruptcy cases. That policy states that such documents generally should be available electronically with the proviso that the Bankruptcy Code and Rules should be amended as necessary to allow the court to collect a debtor's full Social Security number but display only the last four digits.

In October, the Clerk's Office will publish procedures for implementing the rules changes in the District of New Mexico.

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