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Notice to Practitioners

**Change in §341 Meeting Scheduling Procedures:
Calendars in All Locations To Be Set in Case Filing Sequence**

The clerk's office is changing our approach to setting times for §341 meetings in all locations. In the past, the clerk has attempted to group filings by the same attorney into a set of meeting times that are as close together as possible on the same calendar. Assigning §341 meetings for cases in this manner is time-consuming and can produce erratic calendars for trustees.

In addition to our need to increase the speed of new case processing and our need to create reasonable schedules for trustees, we are also preparing for electronic filing. This process will include an earlier stage of automated case opening. The automated case opening system cannot accomodate such customized settings. Therefore, meeting times for §341 meetings will be set in the order in which the cases are filed. Filers of multiple cases may wish to file groups of cases together to insure that the cases are scheduled together. This change will be effective for cases filed on or after the dates indicated for meetings held in the listed locations:

Albuquerque

Chapters 7, 12 and 13 06-12-98
Chapter 11 for
Albuquerque, Santa Fe
and Farmington areas 06-19-98

Farmington

Chapters 7, 12 and 13 07-07-98

Las Cruces

Chapter 7 cases 06-29-98
Chapters 11 and 12/13 06-26-98

Roswell

Chapters 7 and 11 06-19-98
Chapter 12/13 cases 06-23-98

Santa Fe

Chapter 7 cases 07-03-98
Chapter 12/13 cases 07-08-98

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