

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC
CONCERNING AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES, CHAPTER 13 PLAN,
RELATED STANDARD ORDER AND FORMS
TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2003**

A General Order entitled *Chapter 13 Plan, Related Standard Order and Forms* was entered in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey on February 21, 2003 (“the February 21, 2003 General Order”). The February 21, 2003 General Order approves amendments to D.N.J. LBR 3015-1, *Chapter 13 Plan*, and D.N.J. LBR 3015-6, *Objections to Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan* (pending approval of Local Bankruptcy Rule Amendments by the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey), as well as mandates use of a new form Chapter 13 Plan (“*Chapter 13 Plan and Motions*”)(Local Form 8), *Chapter 13 Plan Transmittal Letter* (Local Form 22) where such Plan contains motions, and standard *Order Confirming Chapter 13 Plan* (Standard Order 24).

The February 21, 2003 General Order becomes effective April 1, 2003 upon which date, amendments to D.N.J. LBR 3015-1 and D.N.J. LBR 3015-6 are to be implemented and use of Local Forms 8 and 22 and Standard Order 24 are to become mandatory.

The amendment to D.N.J. LBR 3015-1 eliminates the use of a Chapter 13 summary and mandates the filing of the *Chapter 13 Plan and Motions* instead. The amendment to this Local Rule also prescribes the types of motions which the Court will allow to be filed within the Plan, and requires, *inter alia*, service by Debtor on each potentially affected creditor of a copy of the Plan and Chapter 13 Plan Transmittal Letter where such Plan contains motions.

The Court hereby specifically gives notice of the above referenced proposed Local Rule amendments and invites comments from interested persons to be submitted within thirty (30) days of publication to: James J. Waldron, Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court, Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 50 Walnut Street, Newark, N.J. 07102.

A copy of this notice, together with the aforementioned local rule amendments, standard forms and order as well as an explanatory Memorandum are available on the Court’s website at: www.njb.uscourts.gov, or at the Clerk’s office in each vicinage.

James J. Waldron, Clerk

Dated: February 24, 2003