UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING

AMENDMENT: OF LOCAL RULE 204 Effective September 15, 2006

Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (Pub. L. No. 109-08, 119 Stat. 23) and the exigent need for numerous changes to the rules governing bankruptcy cases, the Judges of the United States District Court have determined to amend Local Rule 204 to allow the bankruptcy court to promulgate local rules as needed.

The court has determined pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e) that there is an immediate need for this amendment to the Local Rules. Those wishing to comment on the amendment to Local Rule 204 may do so in writing. All comments must be received on or before October 16, 2006 and should be addressed to:

Hon. F. Dennis Saylor IV Chairman, Rules Committee c/o Helen M. Costello, Operations Manager United States District Court United States Courthouse - Suite 2300 1 Courthouse Way Boston, MA 02210

Date: August 25, 2006

Sarah Allison Thornton
Clerk of Court

RULE 204 BANKRUPTCY COURT LOCAL RULES

Pursuant to Rule 9029(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the judges of the bankruptcy court for the District of Massachusetts are authorized to make and amend rules of practice and procedure as they may deem appropriate, subject to the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 83. A certified copy of any rules and/or amendments as adopted by the judges of the bankruptcy court, together with a copy of the notice and all comments received regarding the rule, shall be provided to the Clerk of the District Court within 14 days of the date adopted. Once each year, the judges of the district court will review all changes to the local rules of the bankruptcy court. If, after review, the judges of the district court determine that modifications need to be made to any rule, a report will be provided to the judges of the bankruptcy court by March 31.

Adopted May 6, 1997; effective August 1, 1997; Amended effective September 15, 2006