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PUBLIC NOTICE
AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 203
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

January 13, 2015

The Judges of this Court have amended Local Rule 203, Bankruptcy Appeals, to align the Rule numbers to the amendments found in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, which took effect on December 1, 2014.

This amendment and the full Local Rules may be found on the court's website at <http://www.mad.uscourts.gov/general/rules-home.htm>.

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Robert M. Farrell
Clerk of Court

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RUL 203

(RED LINE VERSION)

(A) The bankruptcy court is authorized and directed to dismiss an appeal filed after the time specified in Bankruptcy Rule 8002 or an appeal in which the appellant has failed to file a designation of the items for the record or a statement of the issues as required by Bankruptcy Rule ~~8006~~ 8009. The bankruptcy court is also authorized and directed to decide motions to extend the foregoing deadlines and to consolidate appeals which present similar issues from a common record. Bankruptcy court orders entered under this subsection may be reviewed by the district court on motion filed within 14 days of the entry of the order.

(B) The briefing schedule specified by Bankruptcy Rule ~~8009~~ 8018 may be altered only by order of the district court. If the clerk of the district court does not receive appellants's brief within the time specified by said Rule ~~8009~~ 8018, he shall forthwith provide the district judge to whom the appeal has been assigned with a proposed order for dismissal of the appeal.

(C) Upon receipt of the district court's opinion disposing of the appeal, the district court clerk shall enter judgment in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule ~~8016(a)~~ 8024 and shall immediately transmit to each party to the United States trustee and to the clerk of the bankruptcy court a notice of entry together with a copy of the court's opinion.

(D) The bankruptcy court clerk shall enclose a copy of this rule with the notice of appeal given to each party in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule ~~8004~~; 8003(c) provided, however, that failure of the clerk to enclose a copy of this rule shall not suspend its operation.

(E) This rule is not intended to restrict the district court's discretion as to any aspect of any appeal.

Effective September 1, 1990 (as Rule 200); amended effective January 2, 1995; December 1, 2009, January 6, 2015.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 203 BANKRUPTCY APPEALS

(A) The bankruptcy court is authorized and directed to dismiss an appeal filed after the time specified in Bankruptcy Rule 8002 or an appeal in which the appellant has failed to file a designation of the items for the record or a statement of the issues as required by Bankruptcy Rule 8009. The bankruptcy court is also authorized and directed to decide motions to extend the foregoing deadlines and to consolidate appeals which present similar issues from a common record. Bankruptcy court orders entered under this subsection may be reviewed by the district court on motion filed within 14 days of the entry of the order.

(B) The briefing schedule specified by Bankruptcy Rule 8018 may be altered only by order of the district court. If the clerk of the district court does not receive appellants's brief within the time specified by said Rule 8018, he shall forthwith provide the district judge to whom the appeal has been assigned with a proposed order for dismissal of the appeal.

(C) Upon receipt of the district court's opinion disposing of the appeal, the district court clerk shall enter judgment in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 8024 and shall immediately transmit to each party, to the United States trustee and to the clerk of the bankruptcy court a notice of entry together with a copy of the court's opinion.

(D) The bankruptcy court clerk shall enclose a copy of this rule with the notice of appeal given to each party in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 8003(c); provided, however, that failure of the clerk to enclose a copy of this rule shall not suspend its operation.

(E) This rule is not intended to restrict the district court's discretion as to any aspect of any appeal.

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