

United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Western District of Wisconsin

**Notice of Proposed Amended Local Rules and
Opportunity for Public Comment**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Wisconsin hereby gives notice of proposed permanent changes in its Local Rules, and invites comment thereon. The new Rules will go into effect on December 1, 2009.

Summary of proposed amendments:

Rule 1002-1 Petitions. The Court proposes reducing the number of copies required by paper filers under all chapters. Currently, the local rules require an original and three copies for Chapters 7, 12 or 13; and an original and six copies for Chapters 9 and 11. The Court would reduce the filing requirement for all Chapters to an original and one copy (assuming the party filing in paper will request a file stamped copy for their records.)

Rule 1007-1-2 Information Included on Petitions, Schedules and Creditor Lists. Subsection "a." would be modified to ensure any debtors or counsel who file paper documents with personal information such as an individual's Social Security Number or other account numbers, redact all but the last four digits of social security or tax identification numbers. This will conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and clarify the requirement as it relates to paper filers (the ECF filing programs used by most attorneys automatically redacts the personal information.)

Rule 3010-1 Small Dividends and Refunds. Increase the lowest amount to be distributed to \$5.00 from the current \$1.00, to decrease the administrative burden on trustees.

The Court hereby invites public comments on the proposed rules. Comments may be submitted via email to: rulesfeedback@wiwb.uscourts.gov or via regular mail no later than November 2, 2009 and addressed to:

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