NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ALASKA LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES AND FORMS, AND OF DEADLINE TO FILE RESPONSES OR OBJECTIONS THERETO

The Alaska Bankruptcy Court proposes to adopt amendments to the Alaska Local Bankruptcy Rules ("LBRs"), and to amend Alaska Local Form 5 ("LBF 5"), Chapter 13 Plan. The proposed rule amendments are the result of several meetings over the course of the past year between the court and a local rules committee, which was comprised of Thomas Buford, Esq., formerly an Assistant United States Trustee (chair), several local bankruptcy attorneys, and the chapter 13 trustee, Nacole Jipping. The rule amendments are intended to update the LBRs to be more consistent with local practice. Also, some of the existing LBRs have been renumbered to coincide with their parallel rules in the FRBP. Further, the committee extensively reviewed the new Model Chapter 13 Plan, Official Form 113, and new FRBP 3015.1, which sets out the specific requirements for local chapter 13 plans which are used in lieu of the Model Chapter 13 Plan. The committee compared the Model Chapter 13 Plan to the court's local form LBF 5, and after extensive review, opted to amend LBF 5 so that it complies with the requirements of FRBP 3015.1, rather than adopt the Model Chapter 13 Plan.

A summary of the rules amendments, and copies of the proposed amended rules, and the amended Chapter 13 Plan, LBF 5, are posted on the court's website: <u>www.akb.uscourts.gov.</u> All attorneys and other interested parties are encouraged to review the proposed amendments, and submit comments regarding the proposed changes. Comments may be emailed to the Clerk of Court, Janet Stafford, at <u>janet_stafford@akb.uscourts.gov.</u> Alternatively, written comments may be mailed to Ms. Stafford at:

> Clerk of Court - United States Bankruptcy Court Rules Amendments - Comment 605 West Fourth Avenue, Room 138 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

All comments must be *received* by no later than November 20, 2017.

The court will review and consider all comments received. If no substantive opposition to the proposed amendments is submitted by November 20, 2017, the court intends to enter a General Order adopting the proposed amended LBRs, and amended LBF 5, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e), Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9029, and United States District Court Miscellaneous General Order No. 880, without further notice.