

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

IMPORTANT NOTICE #3 – LMP INTERIM MORTGAGE MODIFICATION ORDER

As was indicated in prior Notices #1 and #2, the Court has placed on its website a form Order that can be used in instances where a Trial Mortgage Modification is at issue and expedited treatment required. The purpose of this Order is to facilitate notification to all Parties involved that a modification has been reached, and most importantly, notify the Chapter 13 Trustee when the Trial Period Payments will begin and in what amount. This will help to facilitate the Chapter 13 Trustee in adjusting the distribution amounts in accordance with the Trial Payments. The Chapter 13 Trustee has also setup a specific email address where these Orders *must* be served to receive expedited treatment. The form Order identifies the Chapter 13 Trustee's email address and service upon it is required. The form can be found at the link provided (<http://www.pawb.uscourts.gov/loss-mitigation-program>) and can be used effective immediately.

This form applies primarily to modifications involving Trial Payment Periods. For those Debtors that are offered a modification without a Trial Period (a "Straight" modification), the process outlined by the Interim *Local Rules* pertaining to approval of modifications through the Loss Mitigation Program are to be followed. *See W.PA.ILBR 9020-1 et seq.* In the event Debtors with a Straight modification require rapid changes to the Chapter 13 Trustee distributions, an appropriate Motion to Expedite should be filed.