

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

NOTICE: LMP PROCEDURE CHANGE

Effective March 1, 2014, the Bankruptcy Court for the WDPA will implement a significant change to the procedure currently being used to commence its Loss Mitigation Program pursuant to W.PA.LBRs 9020-2 and 9020-4.

Generally, as of the effective date, the Court will require that the Core LMP Package be completed *before loss mitigation is requested* and that document preparation software, meeting the specified criteria of the Court, be utilized. *Use of document preparation software will be required in every loss mitigation request filed on or after March 1, 2014.*

By implementing this procedural change, the process of uploading the required core document package will be greatly enhanced, and the time and energy required of the Debtor in effecting this procedure substantially reduced. This will significantly improve the likelihood of achieving a successful loan modification.

In the near future the Court will enter a General Order amending the Local Rules relating to the Loss Mitigation Program effectuating this change in procedure. The Court will also announce the scheduling of an Open Forum (well in advance of the March 1st effective date) where a document preparation software vendor meeting the Court's requirements in this regard, i.e., docUmods, will provide a demonstration for use of its product. Thereafter, a video of this Open Forum will be posted on the Court's website for review by those unable to attend.