

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Bankruptcy Scam Alert

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the "Court") has been informed of a recent scam targeting debtors nationwide. Scammers are contacting individuals by mail, claiming they have committed bankruptcy fraud by failing to disclose assets. The letter claims the debtor can avoid further legal consequences by paying an "amnesty fine" to a QR code. It cautions that the debtor should not discuss the matter with legal counsel or else the matter will be referred for criminal prosecution.

To appear legitimate, these fraudulent notices are personalized with information that is publicly accessible on the bankruptcy case docket including the case number, the last four digits of the debtor's Social Security number, and the name of the debtor's attorney.

Please advise your clients of this scam and take any other precautions you may deem necessary. Any suspected fraudulent activity should be promptly reported to the Office of the United States Trustee.