PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL RULES AND FORMS; STANDING ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULE 3002-4 AND REPEALING LOCAL FORM 15

On December 1, 2025, the following Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Official Bankruptcy Forms, and Director's Bankruptcy Forms have been amended:

- Bankruptcy Rules: 3002.1 and 8006.
- Official Forms: 410S1, 410C13-M1, 410C13-M1R, 410C13-N, 410C13-NR, 410C13-M2, and 410C13-M2R.
- Director's Forms: 2000, 2030, and 4100C.

The amendments to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3002.1 create a new mandatory national procedure regarding the filing of a Notice of Mortgage Payment Change for Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOCs).

Accordingly, an amendment to W.PA.LBR 3002-4 and the repeal of Local Form 15 are required.

The Court has issued Standing Order 25-214, effective December 1, 2025, which:

- 1. Repeals W.PA.LBR 3002-4(d) (regarding the local "averaging" procedure for HELOCs); and
- 2. Repeals Local Form 15 (Omnibus Declaration) entirely.

A copy of the Standing Order can be found at this link: https://www.pawb.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/staorders/so25-214.pdf.

New docket events in CM/ECF for Official Forms 410C13-M1 through M2R have been created and are available in CM/ECF.