



United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

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NOTICE REGARDING DECLARATION OF BANKRUPTCY RULES EMERGENCY

On October 22, 2026, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a nationwide “Bankruptcy Rules emergency” under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9038 in response to the ongoing nationwide disruption of services provided by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC). The declaration applies to all United States Bankruptcy Courts for a 90-day period beginning October 9, 2026 and ending on January 7, 2027, unless terminated earlier.

The declaration authorizes bankruptcy courts, as provided in Rule 9038(c), to extend or toll certain deadlines established by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, local rules, or court orders, and to provide additional flexibility concerning certain procedural requirements affected by the interruption. The emergency declaration does not automatically extend or toll deadlines in pending bankruptcy cases or adversary proceedings. Unless otherwise ordered, existing deadlines and scheduled hearings remain in effect.

The Court's Standing Order Regarding Bankruptcy Noticing Center Service Interruption, entered October 14, 2026, at Misc. Pro. No. 26-217, remains in full force and effect. Parties and counsel should carefully review and comply with the supplemental noticing and service requirements established by that Order.

Parties who believe that the BNC interruption has resulted in inadequate notice, impaired their ability to comply with an applicable deadline, or otherwise prejudiced their rights may seek appropriate relief by filing a motion in the affected bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. Any such motion should identify the affected notice, order, or deadline; explain how the BNC interruption affected the moving party; describe any resulting prejudice; and specify the relief requested. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with Rule 9038, other applicable law, and principles of due process.

Parties should not assume that the BNC interruption or the emergency declaration automatically excuses compliance with applicable deadlines or noticing requirements.

The Court will continue to monitor the interruption and provide additional information or instructions as circumstances warrant.