

Minutes of August 2, 2006 Bankruptcy Court Committee Meeting

Call to order 12:10 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MAY and JUNE 2006 MINUTES. The minutes of the May and June 2006 meetings were approved.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Social – The instillation ceremony for the judicial portraits is tentatively scheduled for September 27, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., in Judge Paine’s Courtroom.

B. Membership – Austin Mullins volunteered (at the urging of Ed Walker) to serve as chair of the Membership Committee.

C. CLE – The Mid-South Commercial Law Institute will be held November 16 and 17, 2006, at the Vanderbilt Marriott Hotel in Nashville. Judge Lundin and Henry Hildebrand, in addition to their update of Chapter 13 cases, will conduct a Chapter 13 workshop. This workshop will be limited to the first 30 participants requesting to be included in the workshop.

The Committee requested the U.S. Trustee’s Office to explore the possibility of a “Lunch and Learn” presentation concerning the debtor audits that will be implemented under BAPCPA.

D. WIFI – The WiFi system is operational. The password for logging onto the WiFi system is “Nashville.”

E. Legislative – Bob Waldschmit reported that the House is reviewing legislation to increase the filing fees.

F. ECF – The Clerk’s Office is in the process of upgrading to CM/ECF Version 3.0. This upgrade will not substantially change the operation of ECF. However, the anticipated upgrade to CM/ECF Version 3.1 may require additional training for “Users” and “Filers.” The additional training will be available “online” from the Court’s website.

Bob Waldschmidt recommended that attorneys immediately contact the Clerk’s Office if the ECF system does not operate properly. The Clerk’s office welcomes these contacts because they present opportunities to address issues and improve the ECF system.

G. Local Rules – David Houston and Ed Walker reported that their committees are continuing to meet with the goal of harmonizing the ECF Procedures with the Local Bankruptcy Rules. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for August 9 at the Customs House.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None.

V. NEW BUSINESS – Maria Salas and Michael Collins are reviewing suggestions for furnishing an attorneys’ lounge in the Customs House. The current proposal is to place the lounge on the attorneys’ lounge on the first floor in the old post office space.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2006, at the Customs House.