

Minutes of September 6, 2006 Bankruptcy Court Committee Meeting

Call to order 12:10 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2006 MINUTES. The minutes of the August 2006 meeting were approved.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Social – Judge Paine confirmed that the instillation ceremony for the judicial portraits in his Courtroom will be September 27, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Liz Parrot requested a show of interest in holding monthly social events. Given the positive response she will explore possible locations, including locations out of the downtown area.

Michael Collins, Maria Salas and Tom Lawless continue to plan the attorneys' lounge that will be located in the old "Post Office" space on the first floor of the Customs House. They are exploring whether an intercom system can/should be incorporated into the lounge that would transmit the proceeds taking place in the courtrooms and/or the 341 meeting room. The wisdom of making coffee available in the lounge produced a stimulating discussion.

B. Membership – The Committee will explore the best means of making sure all interested parties receive e-mail notice of Bankruptcy Committee meetings. This may require producing an additional list of interested individuals who are not current members of the Nashville Bar Association.

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 32 participants requesting to be included in the workshop.

The U.S. Trustee's Office is developing a "Lunch and Learn" presentation concerning the debtor audits that will be implemented under BAPCPA to be offered in the near future.

D. WIFI – The WiFi system is operational. The password for logging onto the WiFi system is "Nashville." The WiFi fees have been paid for the next year from the District Court's library fund.

E. Legislative – Judge Lundin informed the Committee that a number of amended bankruptcy forms are up for approval in the near future. These amended forms are posted on the uscourts.gov website under the submenu entitled - federal rulemaking.

- F. ECF – The Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the omission of debtors’ names on e-mail filing notices after CM/ECF was implemented. Tracy Couling reported that CM/ECF Version 3.1 will be implemented in mid-October. There will be additional training available “online” from the Court’s website.

- G. Local Rules – Ed Walker reported that the ECF and Local Rules committees continue to meet to discuss incorporating the ECF Procedures into the Local Rules. Other areas of discussion included the information should be included in “Inquires” from the Clerk’s Office, the possible ramifications of attorneys setting hearing that require debtors’ to appear for reaffirmation hearings concerning real estate and the Courts’ reluctance to approve reaffirmation agreements that have not been signed by debtors’ attorneys who were involved in negotiating the terms of the reaffirmation agreements.

III. OLD BUSINESS - None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None.

V. ADJOURNMENT - The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2006, at the NBA Office.