



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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Dear Counsel:

RE: Motions and orders for relief from stay and abandonment

The bankruptcy judges in the Northern District of Ohio adopted standardized forms for motions and orders for relief from stay and abandonment in 1999. This occurred primarily as a result of the desire for uniformity expressed by the bar. The forms were produced as a result of collaboration between the bench and the attorney constituent group.

Ironically, the same forces that clamored for uniformity now utilize the uniform forms in decreasing numbers each day. The court is presented with a constantly expanding variety of relief from stay and abandonment motions and orders.

The virtue of the uniform forms was obvious, but apparently they fail to fill the long felt need. As a result, the attorney constituent group will be reconvened and charged yet again with the mission of developing forms to scratch the itches of the new century.

Meanwhile, the Canton court will do its part to foster uniformity. In Canton, the standardized forms must be utilized without deviation or a hearing held to explain the specific need to deviate from the form. The exceptions are the domestic relations area and other unusual fact situations. These were not the focus of the standardization process and continue to bedevil all parties.

The good news for creditors is that the court in Canton will no longer insist on a special certification for you to be entitled to the expedited entry of orders. See Administrative Order No. 03-03 at ¶ 9, effective March 1, 2003, which replaces Administrative Order No. 02-9.

Please call with any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Russ Kendig
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