

## Consumer Bankruptcy Circle Agenda

1. Introductions – go around and introduce selves
2. Clerk's office update
  - Post-election updates – to be seen budget-wise how the federal courts are treated; know more in the new year
  - Email went out for the Eugene judgeship vacancy – February 6 application closes – see website for more details
  - Coming up beginning of 2025, time for rotation of cases – Marion County / Polk County / Linn County / Bend cases
    - Effective January 1 – keep an eye on those cases to check who the presiding Judge is after the rotation (especially for confirmation cases)
    - Judge McKittrick taking on those cases
  - CM/ECF outages end of November/ Early December – for December 1 rules and forms changes
    - System needs to be taken down for updates; should be early in morning
    - Minor security updates / patches as well as the end of the year approaches
    - Track the new rules and forms December 1
  - New Rules -- Comment period for rules updates has closed
    - Judges met last week to discuss comments and feedback; changes to be posted on website soon for review
3. Judges' update
  - Judge Pearson –
    - Not many updates beyond Kirsten
    - Email re: CM/ECF Spoofing attacks – be careful
      - § Log into system directly; don't click on suspicious links
  - Judge Renn –
    - Screening committee is coming together to look at Judge candidates
    - Process is slow but logistics are being discussed. Roughly 18 months.
      - § Judge Renn's term ends before that, but 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit has the authority to extend term for 180 days if requested.
        - Have to be approved by the council meeting – so have to apply before the deadline to get on the agenda.
      - § That may or may not be enough to fill the gap. If Court needs to adapt to ensure there is a Judge in Eugene, then it will be addressed.
4. UST update
  - Jonas Anderson not in attendance

5. Updates from other trustee **offices**

- Chapter 13 Motions to Dismiss
  - Over 60 months or missed plan payments
  - Hearings used to be set automatically;
    - § Now, hearings are not set; 28-day response period – no response -> declaration of no objection filed; case is dismissed
  - Review Wayne Godare's 50 errors as seen through eyes of Trustee – available on website – helpful to avoid easy mistakes

6. IRS updates

- Big retirements this year – Dennis & Penny in Washington office
  - Things may be reshuffled; hiring efforts (but pending change in administrations)

7. ODR updates

- No ODR Attendance

8. ODOJ updates

- No ODOJ Attendance

9. Updates from anyone else?

- Discussion re: student loans
  - Rich Parker: Federal cases getting settled
    - § Attestation process is a guidance thing – whether it is on the chopping block remains to be seen.
  - Judge Pearson: Set for pretrial; see where they are in the attestation process, set it out for 60-90 days, and they usually get resolved.
    - § Complaint and answer are filed; usually stipulation of judgment as to dischargeability or a deal as to partial discharge – largely a smooth process
  - Stay tuned for SAVE Program in Chapter 13

10. Select next date/who's bringing food

- Next Meeting: March 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM
- Food: Reece offers to bring food again.

11. Anything for the good of the order?

- Zach Conway offered to share the Zoom Link for these meetings on the Homepage
- Loren Scott: Saturday Session is set for March 8, 2025
  - Survey will be coming out for topics
  - Format similar to previous years with breakout sessions.

## 12. Adjourn