Consumer Bankruptcy Circle Agenda

1. Introductions/attendance

   Attending
   - Reece Petrik
   - Rich Parker
   - Hon. David Hercher
   - Hon. Peter McKittrick
   - Laura Donaldson
   - Robert Reeves
   - Brian Wheeler
   - Zoë Habekost
   - Laura Zaro
   - Catherine Jedlicka
   - Stephen Gindling
   - Hon. Teresa Pearson
   - Grace Kaeserman
   - Rex Daines
   - Matthew Casper
   - Chris Kane
   - John Kooney
   - Someone DoJ
   - Adam Weiner
   - Jeff []

2. Clerk's office update

   Robert Reeves
   - 2025 Stats
     - Year over year stat up.
   - New Eugene Judge
     - Watch website for upcoming announcements regarding the appointment of Judge Renn's successor in Eugene
   - Limited Resources
     - Another clerk's office case administrator retired at the beginning of January. Please be patient with case administration staff and responsive when they reach out. If there is a need for something to be expedited, please call the court main line to alert staff.
   - Potential Shutdown
     - Congress is currently working on passing final appropriations for the judiciary. We are hopeful this will be passed prior to current continuing resolution that funds the judiciary expiring on January 30, 2026.
3. Judges' update

   Chief Judge McKittrick
   - There is limited case administrator staffing in the clerk's office. Please expect less communication from the office, and more strict timelines for getting back to CRDS and

CAs. Hearings may be set without attorney input if they don't respond promptly to requests.

- The court is waiting for the U.S. Courts Administrative Office and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to give notice on the Eugene judge transition. Transition will be quick once notice is received. Judge Renn is only approved to stay on the bench until April 2026.
- Judge Renn's Retirement. We are working on a date for a retirement celebration.

<u>Judge Pearson</u>

- One note about the Eugene judge transition, some cases are getting assigned and reassigned for Judge Renn to Portland Judges now. Those will stay the Portland judges for their duration.

<u>Judge Hercher</u>

- No updates

4. UST update
   - N/A

5. Updates from other trustee offices
   - John [] Adjourned confirmations. Please get tax returns filed timely in Chapter 13 cases. Fine to resolve all objections in the meantime.
   - Judge McKittrick: There may be less flexibility for set-overs, due to trustees not receiving necessary documents or tax returns.

6. IRS updates
   - 25% Reduction in IRS workforce. Also, Gillian Bunker will be handling Bankruptcy matters for Department of Education and DOJ.

7. ODR updates
   - N/A

8. ODOJ updates
   - N/A

9. Next Generation of Bankruptcy Lawyers update

   <u>Zoë Habekost</u>

   - No updates.

   <u>Reece Petrik</u>

   - Held an NGBL Happy Hour in November.
   - There will be a CLE in Lane County on Automatic Stay for State Court Judges sometime in Spring 2026.

10. Updates from anyone else?

    <u>Rich Parker</u>

    - Working toward retirement in a couple of years.

Chief Judge McKittrick

- The court has two 3L Student Externs, Danny Scullion and Andy Essa, for the spring semester. They are working out of Eugene but will be supervised by me. They will hopefully spend some time in Portland as well. They are starting this week until late April.

Laura Donaldson

- Can we easily identify Oregon lawyers who are filing Chapter 11 cases. I am asking because, when I am conflicted with a Chapter 11 case, it can be a struggle to find someone for a referral.
    - Robert Reeves from the clerks office will check court reports to see if something easily accessible can be shared.

Reece Petrik

- Saturday Session will be March 11, 2026. Registration is open on the Debtor Creditor website: https://debtorcreditor.osbar.org/.
- NWBI Announcement has gone out. Dates are April 17-18 in Bellevue, Washington. https://debtorcreditor.osbar.org/event/nwbi-2026/

Chief Judge McKittrick

- There will be a free one-hour webinar panel CLE for Multnomah Bar Association. "Dipping Your Toes In The Water - An Introduction to Consumer Bankruptcy Practice" February 25, 2026. https://www.mbabar.org/?pg=events&evAction=showDetail&eid=317431

11. Select next date/who's bringing food

    April 1, 2026 4:30 pm (No Joke)

12. Anything for the good of the order?
    - N/A

13. Adjourn