

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

In re)
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PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING) **GENERAL ORDER NO. 55**
DEFICIENT BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS.)
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_____)

Effective immediately, bankruptcy petitions received by the Clerk for filing which are not signed by the debtor or fail to designate the chapter filed under shall be processed by the Clerk and the deficiency corrected by the debtor as set forth below.

A bankruptcy petition submitted to the Clerk for filing where the petition is not signed by the debtor, as required by Bankruptcy Rule 1008, or where the chapter filed under is not designated on the petition, shall be lodged by the Clerk with the date received noted thereon. The petition will not be filed until the deficiency is corrected. When the deficiency is corrected, the petition will be filed with the date and signature page is received or the date the chapter is designated.

For petitions submitted without the second/signature page of the petition, the deficiency may be corrected only by the filing of the second page of the petition containing the original signature of the debtor(s).

For petitions submitted where the chapter filed under is not designated, the deficiency can be corrected only by the debtor or debtor's attorney personally appearing at the Clerk's office and designating the chapter. Such designation shall be initialled by the party making it. This deficiency may also be corrected by the filing of a substitute original petition on which the chapter is designated.

As stated above, the date of the filing of the petition will be recorded as the date the deficiency is corrected. Any request by any party to amend the record to show the date the deficient petition was initially received as the date of filing shall be by motion.

A deficient petition which has been lodged with the Clerk shall be corrected as set forth above within three (3) business days of the receipt of the deficient petition. If not corrected within that time, the Clerk is authorized to return the petition unfiled.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 18, 1991

/s/ Robert G. Mooreman
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ George B. Nielsen, Jr.
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ Lawrence Ollason
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ Sarah Sharer Curley
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ Redfield T. Baum
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge