UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

ATTORNEY CASE OPENING INSTRUCTIONS

When opening a case and filing a petition, you will be required to pay the filing fee online with a credit/debit card. (To file a petition where the debtor is applying to waive the filing fee or pay the filing fee in installments, see Attorney Filing Fee Installment and Filing Fee Waiver Instructions.) All voluntary and involuntary petitions may be filed. See below for instructions on opening an involuntary case.

If you are using software with one-button filing features, after you have filed the case or cases, proceed to step 19 below to use the **Judge/Trustee Assignment** process. If your bankruptcy software does not have a one-button filing feature, you will need to open the case as part of the filing of the petition.

1) Under the **Bankruptcy Events** menu select **Open a BK Case**. Select the correct Chapter. If filing a joint petition, change Joint Petition to y. If you are not filing all the required schedules and statements (and if a Chapter 13, the Plan), with the petition then change Deficiencies to y. If filing all required schedules and statements and the Plan, if a Chapter 13 case, leave Deficiencies at n.

Open New Bankruptcy Case		
Case type	bk 💌	
Date filed	2/23/2004	
Chapter	7 💌	
Joint Petition	n 💌	
Deficiencies	n 💌	
Next Clear	·]	

2) Enter the debtor's Social Security Number or Tax ID and click on Search.

Open Bankruptcy Case				
Search for a debtor				
SSN / ITIN	888-88-8888	Tax ID / EIN		
Last/Business name				
First Name				
Middle Name				
Search Clear				

3) On the next screen, click on Create new party. If your debtor has previously filed a bankruptcy in the District of Arizona, the debtor's name may appear on the list and you could, instead, select the debtor's name from the list and click on Select name from list. (Use only if the name is <u>exactly</u> the same as the name on the petition you are filing and the address shown in the pop-up is correct.) Otherwise Create a new party.

Party search results JONES77, BRAD	
Select name from list	Create new party

After clicking on Create new party, you will receive the Debtor Information screen. Using all CAPS, complete: Name fields (Generation is used for Sr., Jr., or III), (if a business, corporation, partnership or LLC, place the entire name in the Last name box); Title is not used; SSN or Tax ID (**NOTE: The full social security number must be input, however, only the last 4 digits will be displayed. If the full social security number is not input at the time of case opening, you will be required to file with the court, on paper, the SSN Statement. DO NOT file or attach the SSN Statement or any amended SSN Statement to any electronic filings**); Office field is not used; Address; County (County cannot be left blank. Select the proper county, which will determine the office the case is filed in). Leave the following fields blank: Country (unless outside USA), Phone, Fax and E-mail. Leave Party text blank (if filing a corporate case, you would place "an Arizona corporation" in the Party text line instead of including it as part of the name).

Debtor In	formation				
Last name	JONES	First name	ABC		
Middle name	D	Generation	Title		
SSN / ITIN	888-88-8888 222-11-1234	Tax ID / EIN	11-2222222		
Office		Address 1	123 W 5TH ST		
Address 2		Address 3			
City	PHOENIX	State	AZ Zip 85005		
County	Maricopa 🖌 🗸	Country			
Phone		Fax			
E-mail					
Party text					
Alias Add all aliases and corporate parents or affiliates					
Submit Car	ncel Clear				

4) **Corporate Parent/affiliate** only needs to be used if the following applies, otherwise bypass it.

If a corporation is filing a bankruptcy petition and if 10 percent or more of any class of the debtor corporation's equity interests are directly or indirectly owned by any other corporation(s), then the debtor is required to file a statement that identifies those corporations. After opening the case and filing the petition, this statement should be filed using the entry Statement of Corporate Ownership under the **Other** category in **Bankruptcy Events**.

During case opening, the corporate parent(s) are to be added to the case using the below process:

Click on the Corporate Parent button at the bottom of the Debtor Information screen.

You will first be prompted to search and then add if the corporate parent has not already been listed previously in another case.

Search for a corporate parent / affiliate			
Business name			
Search Clear			

If the corporate parent is on the list displayed, simply select it from the list. If not listed, then click on Create new corporate parent/affiliate. If creating a new corporate parent, complete the name and click on Add Corporate Parent. If there is more than one corporate parent, repeat the process by again clicking on the Corporate parent button at the bottom of the Debtor Information screen.

Search for a corporate paren	t / affiliate
Business name	
Search Clear	
Corporate parent / affiliate se	earch results
ABC AFFILIATE INC.	
ABC COMPANY	
ABC PARENT CORPORATION	
ABC PARENT INC	
Select name from list	Create new corporate parent / affiliate

5) If the debtor has one or more aliases, click on Alias. If no aliases, click on Submit. If you click on Alias, the following screen will appear. Type in the alias and select the role.

Then click on Add aliases. You will be returned to the Debtor Information screen. Click on Submit.

JONES MICKEY Aka Aka Aka Aka Aka Aka Aka Aka		Last/Business name	First name	Middle name	Generation	Role
Image: second sec	1	JONES	MICKEY			aka 💌
aka	2					aka 💌
aka 🔽	3					aka 💌
	4					aka 💌
aka 🔽	5					aka 💌
Add aliases Clear Click the Add aliases button to return to the Party screen and submit all infor		Add aliases Clear Click	the Add aliases button to	return to the Party	y screen and sub	omit all inform

Alias Information (Party JONES, MICHAEL R.)

6) If filing a joint case, you will receive another screen as shown in step 2 above and you will need to repeat steps 2 through 5.

Open Bankruptcy Case	
Search for a joint debtor	
SSN / ITIN	Tax ID / EIN
Last/Business name	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Search Clear	

7) The next screen will display the office where the case will be filed and is based on the county that was selected previously. Click Next.



8) On the statistical screen, you will be prompted to enter the following data: Prior filing within last 8 years; leave Fee status at Paid (your credit card will be charged, see separate Attorney Filing Fee Installment and Filing Fee Waiver Instructions if applying for a waiver or paying in installments); Nature of debt (consumer or business), Asset notice (if filing a Chapter 7 leave Asset notice at No, if filing a Chapter 11,12 or 13, change Asset notice to Yes); select the number of creditors, assets and liabilities (as listed on the petition). Select Type of debtor (defaulted to Individual). If debtor is not an individual, move radio button accordingly. Select appropriate Nature of business (the same box that was checked on the petition). Click Next.

Open Bankruptcy Case		
Prior filing within last 8 years Fee status Nature of debt Asset notice Estimated number of creditors Estimated assets Estimated liabilities	no v Paid v No v V	 Type of debtor Individual Corporation (includes LLC & LLP) Partnership Other Nature of business Health Care Business Single Asset Real Estate Railroad Stockbroker Commodity Broker Clearing Bank Other Tax-Exempt Entity

9) Report the totals from the schedules in the boxes provided. If amount is none, insert 0.00. Total Dischargeable Debt will be automatically computed. Click Next.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULES				
Report the totals from Schedules A, B, D, E, F, I, J, Form 22, and Nondischargeable Debt in the b	oxes provided.			
NAME OF SCHEDULE/FORM	ASSETS	LIABILITIES	OTHER	
A - Real Property				
B - Personal Property				
D - Creditors Holding Secured Claims				
E - Creditors Holding Unsecured Priority Claims				
F - Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims				
Average Income (from Schedule I, Line 16)				
Average Expenses (from Schedule J, Line 18)				
Current Monthly Income (from Form 22A Line 12; OR , Form 22B Line 11; OR , Form 22C Line 20)				
TOTAL Type of Liability from Form 6, Statistical Summary (Generally Nondischargeable Debt 28 USC 159)				
Total Dischargeable Debt (Computed) Note: Not computed when any value above for D, E, F, or nondischargeable debt is not known.				

10) Enter all applicable information from the schedules and Chapter 7 Statement of Current Monthly Income and Means-Test Calculation. Click Next.

Open Bankruptcy Case			
Schedules			
Schedule C: Total value of claimed exemptions			
Schedule I line 1: Monthly gross wages, salary, and commission	Debtor	Spouse	
Schedule I line 5: Subtotal of payroll deductions	Debtor	Spouse	
Schedule J line 20c: Monthly net income			
Form B22A			
Line 1A: Veteran's declaration			
Line 1B: Declaration of non-consumer debts			
Line 2: Marital/filing status			¥
Line 11: Subtotal of current monthly income	Debtor	Spouse	
Line 14B: Debtor's household size			
Line 14: Applicable median family income			
Line 18: Current monthly income			
Line 19A: National standards: food, clothing and other items			
Line 19B: National standards: health care for household members under 65 years of age (Subtotal C1)			
Line 19B: National standards: health care for household members 65 years of age or older (Subtotal C2)			
Line 20A: Local standards: housing and utilities; non-mortgage expenses			
Line 20B: Local standards: housing and utilities; mortgage/rent expenses			
Line 22A: Local standards: transportation: vehicle operation/public transportation expense	Number of vehicles used	✓ Amount	
Line 22B: Local standards: transportation: additional public transportation expense			
Line 23: Local standards: transportation ownership/lease expense	Number of vehicles owned	1 •	
Line 23c and 24c: Local standards: Net transportation ownership/lease expense	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2	
Line 33: Total expenses allowed under IRS standards			
Line 38: Education expenses for dependent children under 18			
Line 39: Additional food and clothing expense			
Line 41: Total additional expense deductions			
Line 46: Total deductions for debt payment			
Line 47: Total of all deductions allowed			
Line 50: Monthly disposable income			
Line 51: 60-month disposable income			
Line 52: Initial presumption determination		*	
Line 53: Total non-priority unsecured debt			
Line 54: Threshold debt payment amount			
Line 55: Secondary presumption determination			
Next Clear		-	

11) If you are not filing all the listed required documents with the Petition, (you should have selected Deficiencies "y" on the first screen) check those documents that are not being filed with the Petition. The deficiency list will vary depending upon the Chapter filed.



These documents, if not filed with the Petition, must be filed within 15 days.

Please note that the Mailing List and Credit Counseling Certificate are not included in this list because you do not have 15 days to file or upload these two items. If the creditor list is not uploaded on the date the Petition is filed, it must be uploaded no later than 5 calendar days from the date of the filing of the Petition or the case will be dismissed. The clerk, in certain instances, is required to give notice to all creditors within ten days of the date of the filing of the Petition. (Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007(1)(b) never provided for a ten-day grace period to file the mailing list, it provided that a mailing list shall be filed with the Petition and if it was filed in an improper format, then the debtor had ten days to submit a mailing list in the proper format. This rule was amended to provide for 5 calendar days to re-file the mailing list in a proper format.) Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) requires that the credit counseling certificate, certificate of exigent circumstances or application to waive requirement be filed with the Petition. If it is not filed on the date the Petition is filed, it must be filed within 5 days or the case may be dismissed.

12) The next screen will allow you to upload the PDF documents for the Petition and any lists or schedules and statements filed with the Petition. If filing a Chapter 13 case and the Plan is ready to be filed, do not include the Plan as part of the Petition filing. The Plan is to be filed as a separate entry.

Select the pdf document (for example: Filename	C:\199cv501-21.pdf).
Attachments to Document: [©] No ^O	Browse Yes
Next Clear	

13) The next screen will tell you the due dates for any missing documents and for the filing of the ECF Declaration. (The declaration is to be filed with the clerk on paper and not electronically filed.) Click on Next.

chedules and Statements due date 03/9/2004
lectronic Filing Declaration due date 03/15/2004
Next Clear
Next Clear

14) The following screen will prompt you to select yes, no or unknown to the question of whether a presumption of abuse arises.



15) If you are filing the Chapter 7 Individual Debtor Statement of Current Monthly Income and Means Test with the Petition, select yes or no as marked on that statement. If you are not filing that statement with the Petition, but will be filing it within 15 days, then you may select unknown. If yes is selected, the meeting of creditors notice will state: The presumption of abuse arises. If no is selected, the creditors meeting notice will state: The presumption of abuse does not arise. If unknown is selected, the notice will state: Insufficient information has been filed to date to permit the clerk to make any determination concerning the presumption of abuse. If more complete information, when filed, shows that the presumption has arisen, creditors will be notified.

If you have selected unknown, when you do later file the Statement of Current Monthly Income and Means Test, there will be two filing entries to choose from depending on whether the statement you are filing is marked Presumption arises or Presumption does not arise. You need to file the statement using the correct entry so that the proper notice can be given.

Chapter 7 Individual Debtor Statement of Monthly Income and Means Test (Presumption arises) **OR** Chapter 7 Individual Debtor Statement of Monthly Income and Means Test (Presumption does not arise)

16) The next screen will display the required filing fee. Click Next.

Open New Bankruptcy Case
Fee: \$299
Next Clear

17) Click on Next again and you will receive the final docket text. You are not able to modify the docket text. The docket entry will show the due dates for all the missing documents you checked on the deficiency list. Click on Next.

Docket Text: Final Text

Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition, Mailing List, Schedules and Statements (except for those listed below). Electronic Filing Declaration due 3/15/2004, Schedules A-J due 3/9/2004, Statement of Financial Affairs due 3/9/2004, Attorney Disclosure Statement due 3/9/2004, filed by Sue Test of (Non-Existant Attorney) on behalf of MICHAEL R. JONES SR., NORAH S. JONES (Test, Sue)

Warning!! Submitting this screen commits this transaction. You will have <u>no further opportunity</u> to modify this submission if you continue.

Next	Clear	

The filing of the Petition and any included schedules and statements is now done and the next screen is your filing receipt which will show you the case number assigned.

Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing

 The following transaction was received from Attorney Root entered on 3/10/2009 at 2:32 PM AZ and filed on 3/10/2009

 Case Name:
 ABC D JONES

 Case Number:
 2:09-bk-00075

 Document Number: 1

18) The next step is to use the **Creditor Maintenance** option under the **Bankruptcy Events** menu to upload the creditors. The mailing list must be in a text format (.txt or .scn). (See separate instructions if more information is needed.) If the mailing list of creditors is not uploaded on the date the petition is filed, it must be uploaded no later than 5 calendar days from the date of the filing of the Petition. If not uploaded within 5 calendar days, the case may be dismissed pursuant to Local Rules 1007-1 and 1017-2 as amended for cases filed under the new Act. (If you have software with one-button filing features, the creditors will be uploaded as part of the bankruptcy filing, saving you this step.)

Bankruptcy Events	
Answer/Response/Objection	Unclaimed Funds
<u>Appeal</u>	
Claim Actions	Case Upload
Creditor Maintenance	Judge/Trustee Assignment
File Claims	Order Upload
Motions/Applications	
Notices	
Notice of Hearing	
Open a BK Case	
Open Involuntary BK Case	
Other	
<u>Plan</u>	
Trustee/US Trustee	

19) If you are filing more than one case, you will want to file all your cases and upload the mailing lists before going to the Judge/Trustee Assignment option on the above Bankruptcy Events menu. While you may run the Judge/Trustee Assignment feature after filing each case, any batch filing permitted by the U.S. Trustee will not be obtained. After the Judge/Trustee Assignment option runs, you will receive the following screen

which will display the judge(s) and trustee(s) assigned to the case(s) you filed, along with the date set for the meeting of creditors.

341 Judge And Trustee					
Case	Case Title	Chapter	341 Meeting	Judge Name	Trustee Name
4-151	MICHAEL R. JONES and NORAH S. JONES	7	First Meeting of Creditors scheduled for 04/05/2004 at 09:00 AM at U.S. Trustee Meeting Room, 2929 N. Central Ave., Suite 820, Phoenix, AZ (341-PHX). Objections for Discharge due by 06/04/2004. (Test, Sue)	Nielsen,GeorgeB.	MANN,DIANEM.

- 20) If you have filed a Chapter 13 case and the Plan is ready to be filed, it will be filed as a separate entry, using the Plan option from the **Bankruptcy Events** menu. Be sure the creditors have been uploaded before filing the Plan so that the Plan can be noticed to all creditors by the court.
- 21) If you need to provide a creditor with proof of the filing, you can obtain a Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing. Run a **Query** using the case number assigned and click on **Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing**.

Query	
Query Alias Associated Cases Attorney Case Summary Claims Register Corporate Parents/Affiliates Creditor Creditor Mailing Matrix Deadline/Schedule Docket Report Films	Motions Report Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing Party Related Transactions Status Trustee
History/Documents Judge	

You will then receive the following Notice with the court seal that contains the filing information and can be sent to the creditor as proof of the bankruptcy filing.

United States Bankruptcy Court District of Arizona

Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing

A bankruptcy case concerning the debtor(s) listed below was filed under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, entered on 04/05/2004 at 4:48 PM and filed on 04/05/2004.

CHARLIE JONES88 SSN: 777-77-7777



Open Involuntary BK Case

To open an Involuntary case and file an Involuntary Petition, select **Open Involuntary BK Case** under **Bankruptcy Events**.

Open Involuntary BK Case

Select either Chapter 7 or 11.



You will first be prompted to search and then add the debtor.

Open Involuntary Bankruptcy Case			
Search for a debtor			
SSN / ITIN		Tax ID / EIN	
Last/Business name			
First Name			
Middle Name			
Search Clear			

You will then be prompted to search and add the petitioning creditor(s), one at a time.

	Open Involuntary Bankrup	tcy Case			
	Search for a petition cred				
	Search for a petition, ered.	Tax ID / EIN			
	Last/Business name				
	First Name				
	Middle Name				
	Search Clear				
	1				
Petition.	Cred. Information				
ABC CORP	ORATION SSN / ITIN: Unknow	vn			
Office		Address 1			
Address 2		Address 3			
City		State	Zip		
County	~	Country			
Phone		Fax			
E-mail					
Party text					
The user opening the case is the filing attorney for this party.					
Attorney Alias Corporate parent / affiliate Review Add all attorneys, aliases and corporate parents or affiliates					
Submit Cancel Clear					

Be sure to check the box that you are the filing attorney for this party. If the petitioning creditor has a corporate parent as described above, then that requirement applies. After you have added all the petitioning creditor(s), click on End petition. cred. selection.

Open Involuntary Bankruptcy Case			
Search for a petition. cred.			
SSN	Tax Id		
Last/Business name			
First Name			
Middle Name			
Search Clear			
End petition. cred. selection			

The docket entry at the conclusion of the filing will correctly list the debtor and petitioning creditor(s).

Open Involuntary Bankruptcy Case

Docket Text: Final Text Involuntary Chapter 7 Petition Re: BRIAN JORDAN-JACKSON Filed by Petitioning Creditor(s): ABC CORPORATION (attorney SHIRLEY TEMPLE), XYZ BANK (attorney SHIRLEY TEMPLE), MNO CORPORATION (attorney SHIRLEY TEMPLE). (TEMPLE, SHIRLEY)

For issuance of an involuntary summons, you may either submit a paper summons for issuance by the clerk's office or you may (as when opening an adversary proceeding) make a request on the docket. The summons will be issued on the docket the next business day and you may print the summons from the docket. This request entry is located under **Bankruptcy Events Other**.

Reaffirmation Agreement and Motion to Approve - Pro Se Debtor Reaffirmation Agreement/Declaration of Attorney Report of Sale Request That Debtor File Tax Information Pursuant to Section 521(f) Request for Issuance of Involuntary Summons Schedule of Unpaid Debts in a Converted Case Schedules Statement of Facts

CREDITOR MAILING MATRIX

The creditor mailing matrix is available in a 3 column format.

Creditor Mailing Matrix				
Case number	05-1			
lí Special mailing group	All sg1	(High		
Format ③ 3 columns				
a -	O raw o	lata format		
Run Report	Clear			

11 USC Section 3429(f), provides that an entity may file with any bankruptcy court a notice of address to be used, by all bankruptcy courts or by only particular bankruptcy courts, as specified by the entity, to provide notice to the entity in all Chapter 7 and 13 cases. Creditors will be directed to file such notices directly with the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) and any such notices filed with the bankruptcy court will be forwarded to the BNC for processing.

The BNC will maintain these preferred addresses in a central data base. If you need to send a notice to creditors in a case, when you generate a Creditor Mailing Matrix as shown above, our ECF system will link to the BNC database and if any of the creditors in the case have a preferred address in the BNC data base, the preferred address will be substituted for the address in our ECF system. The mailing list you receive when the report is generated will contain the BNC preferred address instead of the address that is listed in the ECF system. This preferred address will not replace the address listed in ECF, it will only be substituted for the ECF address on the mailing list generated.

The three column mailing list generated will look like the following. <u>While the court's address</u> will be listed, please do not mail a paper copy to the bankruptcy court.

jabel Matrix for local noticing 1111-2 Case 2:05-bk-00001-CGC District of Arizona Phoenix Tue Sep 27 15:10:51 MST 2005

DAVID A. BIRDSELL 216 N. CENTER MESA, AZ 05201 U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Arizona 230 Horth First Avenue, Suite 101 Phoenix, AI 95003-1727

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