

# Northern District of New York

## Bankruptcy News

### November 30, 2006

#### Change of “Office Code” for Certain Bankruptcy Filings

Effective Friday December 01, 2006, any new cases filed in which the Debtor resides in **Tioga, Tompkins, Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga** or **Oswego** must now reflect an office code of ‘5’. If you are using bankruptcy petition software that submits new cases using the “Case Upload” option, please consult the help file or software manual that accompanied the program (or contact your software vender’s help desk.) If your software uses the CaseUpload option to file new cases, it is imperative that the settings be adjusted to reflect an office of ‘5’ for the above referenced counties.

We have already begun scheduling Jefferson County Cases with an office code of ‘5’.

#### Assignment of Cases and Scheduling of 341 Meetings in Anticipation of New Judge in Syracuse

Outlined below is some information regarding the realignment of counties and the assignment of new cases in anticipation of the new judge assigned to Syracuse.

- **Jefferson County Cases:** Effective November 20, 2006 Jefferson county cases will be assigned to the Syracuse Office (office code 5) with case numbers starting with 30001. Jefferson county cases will continue to have their 341 meeting in Watertown. Judge Gerling will be assigned as Judge until the new Judge comes on the bench.
- **Syracuse Counties:** Effective December 1, 2006 the counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Oswego, Tioga and Tompkins will be assigned to the Syracuse office. Judge Gerling will be assigned as the Judge until the New Judge comes on the bench. The 341 meeting for these cases will be held in *Syracuse*
- **Binghamton Counties:** The counties of Broome, Chenango, Otsego and Delaware will continue to have 341 meetings held in Binghamton. Judge Gerling will continue to be assigned to these cases.
- **St. Lawrence County:** St. Lawrence county will continue to have Judge Littlefield assigned as Judge until the new Judge comes on the bench.

Once the new Judge is appointed, all of the Syracuse cases starting with a "3" will be assigned to the new Judge. New cases filed in Fulton, Montgomery & St. Lawrence will then be assigned to Judge Gerling. More information will follow (check the Court's website) as procedures are finalized.

### **Within District Transfer of Cases**

The Court is currently in the process of transferring all pending cases and adversary proceedings from the Utica to the Syracuse for the following counties: Tioga, Tompkins, Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga and Oswego.

- As each case is transferred it will be assigned a new case number beginning with the year in which the transfer occurs and the five digit number beginning with the number three. (e.g. 06-30002).
- The adversary proceedings numbers will begin with the year in which the transfer occurs and the five digit number beginning with the number five (e.g. 06-50005)
- An Order of Transfer will be done on each case and a Notice of Electronic Filing will be generated. Upon receipt of the Order, please **begin to file any documents using the new case number.**
- The Court anticipates a high volume of email being generated. Please be sure to check your email accounts regularly to alleviate any returned email problems.
- All hearing for the affected counties will be held by Chief Judge Stephen D. Gerling until a new judge has been appointed.
- Any matter that has a pending hearing may cause the case to remain in Utica until such time the matter has been resolved or the new Judge has been appointed.

Any pending cases for Jefferson county will not be transferred until such time as a new judge has been appointed.