



# Bankruptcy Bits & Pieces

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## Clerk's Office Mission:

**We take pride, as the keeper of the official court record, in providing exceptional service, accurate and timely case processing, procedural information and access to records.**

## CARES Act Changes

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") was signed into law. Section 1113 of that legislation made several temporary changes to the Bankruptcy Code to provide financial assistance during the coronavirus crisis.

### **Standing Order:**

As a result of the CARES Act, this court entered a standing order on April 21, 2020 adopting revised Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1010 until one year after the effective date of the CARES Act.

For more information please visit: <https://www.ilcb.uscourts.gov/local-rules-procedures-and-standing-orders>.

### **Five Bankruptcy Official Forms:**

Official Forms 101, 122A-1, 122B, 122C-1, and 201

The revised Official Bankruptcy Forms are available on our website under the [Forms](#) tab.

### **New CM/ECF Event:**

Bankruptcy > Claim Actions OR Notices > **Notice of Mortgage Forbearance.**

For more information please visit: <https://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy>

## **UPDATED IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: BANKRUPTCY COURT OPERATIONS**

On March 19, 2020, the District Court entered an Amended Order providing for the continued operation of the federal courts in the Central District of Illinois during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Order provides that all civil hearings must be conducted telephonically or by video conference. **On April 30, 2020, a Second Amended Order was entered by the District Court extending the terms of the Amended Order. The Second Amended Order is effective immediately and remains in full force and effect until May 30, 2020, at which time it may be extended.** View the District Court's Second Amended Order [here](#).

The Bankruptcy Court will continue to operate in full compliance with the District Court orders. All currently-scheduled in-court hearings through May 30, 2020, will be conducted telephonically. No one may attend previously-scheduled in-court hearings in person.

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### Section 341 Meetings:

To promote social distancing, in mid-March, the Office of the United States Trustee postponed already scheduled section 341 meetings to enable them to be rescheduled telephonically or by other alternative means not requiring in-person attendance. At section 341 meetings, the debtor must appear and testify under oath, including answering questions from the U.S. Trustee, the case trustee appointed by the United States Trustee, and creditors. These meetings are open to the public and typically are conducted in person with more than 50 parties in a meeting room at any given time. The U.S. Trustee subsequently mandated that section 341 meetings for all cases filed through at least July 10, 2020, with meetings scheduled through early summer, be held telephonically or by other alternative means.

Please visit the [U.S. Trustee's website](#) for additional information.

### IT SECURITY TIP

When any global crisis occurs, scammers and hackers use misinformation, misdirection and fear for profit or fame. The COVID-19 pandemic is no different. Over the past several weeks, threats in the form of phishing emails and newly registered "COVID/Corona" Internet domains have been on the rise. Phishing emails containing "important information regarding the COVID-19 cure", or "how to collect your COVID-19 stimulus money" are just a couple ways email is used to trick people. These emails may contain a link with additional detail, or it may ask you to open an attached document. As with all email, be vigilant when clicking on a link, or opening a document from an unknown source. In this current environment, don't let fear cause you to click on, or open something you may later regret.

For more information: <https://www.forcepoint.com/blog/x-labs/covid-coronavirus-web-email-traffic-analysis?sf121089794=1>

### Court Closures

**The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.**

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