LBR 1007.2

PREPARATION AND FILING OF MATRIX

- (a) General Requirements. A matrix not electronically filed must be prepared as follows:
- **(b) Matrix Required.** An optically scannable creditor(s) matrix, signed and verified as provided in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1008, is required when:
 - (1) a new case (all chapters) is filed,
 - (2) an amendment to a case (all chapters) is filed containing additional creditors. This matrix must list only those creditors added.
- **(c) Original.** A matrix must be an original printed document on standard bond paper that is free of headers, footers, titles, lines, marks, or smudges.
- (d) Fonts/Typefaces. Parties must prepare matrices in a standard typeface or print style. Courier 10 pitch, Prestige Elite 12 pitch, or Letter Gothic 12 pitch are recommended. Do not use script, ornamental, calligraphic, or symbol fonts. Dot matrix printer fonts are not scannable and will not be accepted.
- **(e) Format.** Parties must type matrices in a single column with left line justification. A matrix must list addresses in a single column in order for the optical character reader to automatically scan the material from left to right, line by line.
- **(f) Lines.** Each name/address must consist of no more than five lines with the city, state, and ZIP codes located on the last line. Do not type "attention" lines or account numbers on the last line. If needed, this information should be placed on the second line of the name/address. At least one blank line must be placed between each name/address block.
- **(g) Postal Codes.** All state names must be represented by the two-letter abbreviations (both letters capitalized) authorized by the U.S. Postal Service.
- **(h) Margins.** Lists must not contain letters closer than one inch from any edge of the document.
- (i) Line Length. The name line must not exceed 50 characters. Subsequent lines must not exceed 40 characters.
- (j) **Punctuation.** In conformity with U.S. Postal Service guidelines, addresses must exclude punctuation, including periods, commas, or special characters, including #, %, /, and (), except the hyphen in the ZIP+4 code.
- (k) Excluded Names. Do not include the debtor, joint debtor, attorney for debtor, trustee, or United States trustee on the matrix. The computer will automatically retrieve them for noticing. The name of the debtor must be listed on the reverse side of each page for identification purposes.
- (I) Alphabetical Order. All creditors must be listed in alphabetical order.
 - (m) **Duplication.** Do not duplicate names and addresses.

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