UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BATCHING OF CHAPTER 7 CASES FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE SAME INTERIM TRUSTEE

The Eastern District of California randomly assigns interim trustees in chapter 7 cases using various trustee assignment pools. The pool used to assign the interim trustee is determined by the county of the debtor's residence or principal place of business. The counties falling within each chapter 7 trustee assignment pool are as follows:

Pool	Counties
Central Pool	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Solano, Sutter, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba
North Pool	Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity
Fresno Pool	Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare
Bakersfield Pool	Kern and Inyo

Attorneys who are registered e-Filers may request that up to five (5) new chapter 7 cases from the same trustee assignment pool be "batched" for assignment to the same interim trustee. The guidelines applicable to this procedure are as follows:

1. The petitions and related documents for all cases in a batch shall be submitted electronically in a single .zip file created and uploaded according to the *Batch e-Filing Instructions* located on the Attorney e-Filing page.
2. The court's automated case intake system will randomly assign a trustee to each case in a batch filed by an attorney.
3. The same (or consecutive) 341(a) meeting date and time will be assigned by the automated case intake system to batched chapter 7 cases when possible. **However, there is no guarantee that the same trustee or 341(a) meeting date or time will be assigned to each case in a batch.**
4. Payment for all cases in a batch shall be made by credit card.
5. If the trustee has previously notified the court in writing of a conflict of interest with certain parties (e.g., family relationships) and that conflict arises in any case in the batch, that case will be assigned to a non-conflicted trustee and not processed as part of the batch.
6. Cases submitted as part of a batch, but not eligible to be batched based on the pools above, will not be processed as part of the batch.
7. The batch limit of five cases **will be strictly enforced**. Batches submitted containing more than five new chapter 7 cases will have each case therein assigned randomly, or on an individual case basis.
8. Questions regarding batching? Contact the help desk at 855-542-0992.