1 2 3 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 5 SACRAMENTO DIVISION 6 7 8 In re: 9 ROBERT CLAYTON, Case No. 03-30408-B-710 Debtor(s). 11 12 WFS FINANCIAL, INC., Adv. No. 03-2610-B 13 Plaintiff(s) 14 VS. 15 ROBERT CLAYTON, Docket Control No. BC-5 16 Defendant(s). Date: March 20, 2007 17 Time: 9:30 a.m. 18 On or after the calendar set forth above, the court issued the following ruling. The official record of the ruling is 19 appended to the minutes of the hearing. 2.0 Because the ruling constitutes a "reasoned explanation" of the court's decision under the E-Government Act of 2002 (the 21 "Act"), a copy of the ruling is hereby posted on the court's Internet site, www.caeb.uscourts.gov, in a text-searchable 22 format, as required by the Act. However, this posting does not constitute the official record, which is always the ruling 23 appended to the minutes of the hearing. 2.4 DISPOSITION AFTER ORAL ARGUMENT 2.5 Neither the respondent within the time for opposition nor the 26 movant within the time for reply has filed a separate statement

identifying each disputed material factual issue relating to the

motion. Accordingly, both movant and respondent have consented to the

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resolution of the motion and all disputed material factual issues pursuant to FRCivP 43(e). LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(ii) and (iii).

The motion is denied without prejudice.

There are several substantial hurdles to this court deciding debtor's motion. One is presently insurmountable. At present, the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction to decide this matter. Debtor previously filed a motion which sought various forms of relief including that this court "void" creditor's lien. The court denied that motion without prejudice and debtor appealed. The debtor's attempt to distinguish between the prior attempt to "void" the lien and the current attempt to "avoid" the lien is a distinction without difference. The entire issue was presented to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel ("BAP"). While the BAP has issued a decision on that matter, the court has not yet received the Mandate from the BAP. Therefore, the court, at present, lacks subject matter jurisdiction over this issue.

There are also several procedural issues. Debtor has filed this motion in the incorrect case. It is not properly filed in the adversary proceeding. Motions to avoid judicial liens must be filed in the main bankruptcy case. Debtor has not done so. If this matter is re-filed, the adversary case number should not appear anywhere in the caption. Debtor's notice of hearing also violates LBR 9014-1(d)(3) because it does not state whether, and if so when, where, and on whom, written opposition to this motion is required. The motion also violates LBR 9014-1(d)(6) because debtor failed to file a declaration authenticating those exhibits which are not self authenticating under Federal Rule of Evidence 902. It is also

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necessary for the declaration to address the value, unavoidable liens and the exemption to which debtor was entitled <u>as of the petition</u>

<u>date</u>. Current values and amounts of unavoidable liens are irrelevant.

The court will issue a minute order.