UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of California
Honorable W. Richard Lee
Hearing Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014
Place: Department B – Courtroom #12
Fresno, California

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

- 1. The following rulings are tentative. The tentative ruling will not become the final ruling until the matter is called at the scheduled hearing. Pre-disposed matters will generally be called, and the rulings placed on the record at the end of the calendar. Any party who desires to be heard with regard to a pre-disposed matter may appear at the hearing. If the party wishes to contest the tentative ruling, he/she shall notify the opposing party/counsel of his/her intention to appear. If no disposition is set forth below, the hearing will take place as scheduled.
- 2. Submission of Orders:

Unless the tentative ruling expressly states that the court will prepare a civil minute order, then the tentative ruling will only appear in the minutes. If any party desires an order, then the appropriate form of order, which conforms to the tentative ruling, must be submitted to the court. When the debtor(s) discharge has been entered, proposed orders for relief from stay must reflect that the motion is denied as to the debtor(s) and granted only as to the trustee. Entry of discharge normally is indicated on the calendar.

3. Matters Resolved Without Opposition:

If the tentative ruling states that no opposition was filed, and the moving party is aware of any reason, such as a settlement, why a response may not have been filed, the moving party must advise Vicky McKinney, the Calendar Clerk, at (559) 499-5825 by 4:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled hearing.

4. Matters Resolved by Stipulation:

If the parties resolve a matter by stipulation after the tentative ruling has been posted, but **before the formal order is entered on the docket**, the **moving party** may appear at the hearing and advise the court of the settlement or withdraw the motion. Alternatively, the parties may submit a stipulation and order to modify the tentative ruling together with the proposed order resolving the matter.

5. Resubmittal of Denied Matters:

If the moving party decides to re-file a matter that is denied without prejudice for any reason set forth below, the moving party must file and serve a new set of pleadings with a new docket control number. It may not simply re-notice the original motion.

THE COURT ENDEAVORS TO PUBLISH ITS PREDISPOSITIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER CALENDAR PREPARATION IS ONGOING AND THESE PREDISPOSITIONS MAY BE REVISED OR UPDATED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARINGS. PLEASE CHECK AT THAT TIME FOR POSSIBLE UPDATES.

9:00 A.M.

1. <u>13-17341</u>-B-7 HOWARD SAGASER WFH-11
SHERYL STRAIN/MV
HAGOP BEDOYAN/Atty. for dbt.
DANIEL EGAN/Atty. for mv.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

CONTINUED MOTION TO APPROVE
AGREEMENT FOR RELIEF FROM STAY
10-1-14 [468]

2. <u>13-17341</u>-B-7 HOWARD SAGASER WFH-13 SHERYL STRAIN/MV

CONTINUED MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PHILLIP BOGHOSIAN AND/OR MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF SECURED CLAIM 10-1-14 [473]

HAGOP BEDOYAN/Atty. for dbt. DANIEL EGAN/Atty. for mv.

3. <u>13-17341</u>-B-7 HOWARD SAGASER WFH-14 SHERYL STRAIN/MV

CONTINUED MOTION FOR AUTHORITY
TO MAKE INTERIM DISTRIBUTION ON
PRIORITY CLAIM
10-1-14 [478]

HAGOP BEDOYAN/Atty. for dbt. DANIEL EGAN/Atty. for mv.

4. <u>13-17341</u>-B-7 HOWARD SAGASER WFH-15 SHERYL STRAIN/MV

CONTINUED MOTION TO EXTEND
DEADLINE TO FILE A COMPLAINT
OBJECTING TO DISCHARGE OF THE
DEBTOR AND/OR MOTION TO EXTEND
DEADLINE TO FILE A COMPLAINT
OBJECTING TO DISCHARGEABILITY
OF A DEBT
10-1-14 [482]

HAGOP BEDOYAN/Atty. for dbt. DANIEL EGAN/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

This matter will be dropped from calendar. This motion does not appear to be contingent upon approval of the global settlement or the "effective date" of the settlement and the court has signed the proposed order with edits extending the relevant dates to February 15, 2015. No appearance is necessary.

5. 13-17341-B-7 HOWARD SAGASER WFH-8 SHERYL STRAIN/MV

CONTINUED MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DEBTOR, HEIDI SAGASER, THE CASTLEMAN CREDITORS AND JONES CREDITORS 10-1-14 [457]

HAGOP BEDOYAN/Atty. for dbt. DANIEL EGAN/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

13-17341-B-7 HOWARD SAGASER 6. WFH-9 SHERYL STRAIN/MV HAGOP BEDOYAN/Atty. for dbt. DANIEL EGAN/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

CONTINUED MOTION TO ABANDON 10-1-14 [463]

13-16954-B-11 MADERA ROOFING, INC. MOTION TO APPROVE STIPULATION 7. JAMES LOWE/MV

FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY 10-7-14 [<u>605</u>]

ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt. RILEY WALTER/Atty. for mv.

13-16954-B-11 MADERA ROOFING, INC. 8. WW - 24JAMES LOWE/MV

MOTION TO APPROVE STIPULATION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY 10-20-14 [628]

ERIC FROMME/Atty. for dbt. RILEY WALTER/Atty. for mv.

13-13388-B-11 GEORGE/MARILYN LANTING AMENDED MOTION FOR COMPENSATION 9. TCS-13

BY THE LAW OFFICE OF LAW OFFICE OF TIMOTHY C. SPRINGER FOR NANCY D. KLEPAC, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S). 10-21-14 [336]

NANCY KLEPAC/Atty. for dbt.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

1. <u>14-13711</u>-B-7 JORGE/GUILLERMINA TMT-1 HERNANDEZ TRUDI MANFREDO/MV MOTION TO EMPLOY GOULD AUCTION & APPRAISAL COMPANY AS AUCTIONEER, AUTHORIZING SALE OF PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF AUCTIONEER FEES AND EXPENSES 10-16-14 [17]

THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt. TRUDI MANFREDO/Atty. for mv.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondent(s) default will be entered and the motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

2. <u>12-17126</u>-B-7 VICENTE FLORES AND LUCIA THA-2 ROJAS PETER FEAR/MV MOTION TO COMPROMISE
CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH LUIS ROJAS
AND/OR MOTION TO COMPROMISE
CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH SERGIO EDUARDO
ROJAS
10-16-14 [37]

JOEL MURILLO/Atty. for dbt.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG/Atty. for mv.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondent(s) default will be entered and the motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

3. <u>14-14340</u>-B-7 ESMERALDA ROBLES
PBB-2
ESMERALDA ROBLES/MV
PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF MANUEL HERNANDEZ 10-14-14 [14]

The motion will be denied without prejudice. No appearance is necessary. The record does not establish that the motion was served on the named respondent in compliance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7004(b)(1) (service on an individual), 7004(b)(3) (corporation, partnership or unincorporated association) or 7004(h) (FDIC Insured Depository Institution). In re Villar, 317 B.R. 88 (9th Cir. BAP 2004). Information regarding service on a corporation may be obtained from the California Secretary of State's Internet Website, see http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/. For a directory of FDIC Insured Institutions, see http://www3.fdic.gov/idasp/main.asp. Litigants are encouraged to attach a copy of their information source (web page, etc.) to the proof of service to assist the court in evaluating compliance with Rule 7004.

The motion was not served on the judgment lien creditor; it was served on the creditor's state court attorney. The attorney was not served at his current address of record, and service on the state court attorney alone does not satisfy Bankruptcy Rule 7004. *In re Villar*, 317 B.R. 88 (9th Cir. BAP, 2004).

4. <u>13-11642</u>-B-7 MERCED MILLING COMPANY, CONTINUED MOTION FOR TGM-4 LLC COMPENSATION FOR TRUI

CONTINUED MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR TRUDI G. MANFREDO, TRUSTEE'S ATTORNEY(S). 8-22-14 [91]

THOMAS ARMSTRONG/Atty. for dbt.

The motion has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

5. 12-60054-B-7 DWIGHT/NELLIE LONG
RHT-14
ROBERT HAWKINS/MV
LAYNE HAYDEN/Atty. for dbt.
ROBERT HAWKINS/Atty. for mv.

MOTION TO SELL FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS AND/OR MOTION TO PAY 10-24-14 [188]

6. 14-14871-B-7 GRIGOR DEMIRCHYAN
DRJ-1
GRIGOR DEMIRCHYAN/MV
DAVID JENKINS/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO COMPEL ABANDONMENT 10-20-14 [12]

1. 14-14905-B-7 AZAEL BERMEJO AND ELVIA
JLH-1 LUPIAN
TUCOEMAS FEDERAL CREDIT
UNION/MV
BRANDON ORMONDE/Atty. for mv.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 10-30-14 [13]

2. 14-13225-B-7 CARMEN RAMIREZ

JCW-1

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A./MV

SUSAN HEMB/Atty. for dbt.

JENNIFER WONG/Atty. for mv.

DISCHARGED

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 10-9-14 [24]

This motion for relief from stay was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there was no opposition. The motion will be denied as moot as to the debtor(s) because their discharge has been entered. The motion will be granted for cause shown as to the chapter 7 trustee. The automatic stay is terminated as it applies to the movant's right to enforce its remedies against the subject property under applicable nonbankruptcy law. The proposed order shall specifically describe the property or action to which the order relates. If the motion involves a foreclosure of real property in California, then the order shall also provide that the bankruptcy proceeding has been finalized for purposes of Cal. Civil Code § 2923.5. If the notice and motion requested a waiver of Rule 4001(a)(3), that relief will be granted. Unless the court expressly orders otherwise, the proposed order shall not include any other relief. If the prayer for relief includes a request for adequate protection, and/or a request for an award of attorney fees, those requests will be denied without prejudice. Adequate protection is unnecessary in light of the relief granted herein. A motion for attorney fees pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 506(b), or applicable nonbankruptcy law, must be separately noticed and separately briefed with appropriate legal authority and supporting documentation. No appearance is necessary.

3. 14-14650-B-7 MICHAEL/PAMELA HENDERSON
DJP-1
CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY
BANK/MV
JOEL WINTER/Atty. for dbt.
DON POOL/Atty. for mv.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 10-29-14 [17]

4. 14-14260-B-7 BRETT/VERONICA BRADLEY
TJS-1
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC/MV
GARY HOOD/Atty. for dbt.
TIMOTHY SILVERMAN/Atty. for mv.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 10-10-14 [20]

This motion for relief from stay was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there was no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The automatic stay is terminated as it applies to the movant's right to enforce its remedies against the subject property under applicable nonbankruptcy law. The proposed order shall specifically describe the property or action to which the order relates. If the motion involves a foreclosure of real property in California, then the order shall also provide that the bankruptcy proceeding has been finalized for purposes of Cal. Civil Code § 2923.5 to the extent that it applies. If the notice and motion requested a waiver of Rule 4001(a)(3), that relief will be granted. Unless the court expressly orders otherwise, the proposed order shall not include any other relief. If the prayer for relief includes a request for adequate protection, and/or a request for an award of attorney fees, those requests will be denied without prejudice. Adequate protection is unnecessary in light of the relief granted herein. A motion for attorney fees pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 506(b), or applicable nonbankruptcy law, must be separately noticed and separately briefed with appropriate legal authority and supporting documentation. No appearance is necessary.

1. 14-13910-B-7 ERIC/JESSICA CORONADO

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH SHEFFIELD FINANCIAL CORPORATION/BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST 10-22-14 [17]

THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt.

The court intends to deny approval of the reaffirmation agreement and the hearing will be dropped from calendar. Debtors were represented by counsel when they entered into the reaffirmation agreement. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 524(c)(3), "if the debtor is represented by counsel, the agreement must be accompanied by an affidavit of the debtors' attorney attesting to the referenced items before the agreement will have legal effect." In re Minardi, 399 B.R. 841, 846 (Bankr. N.D. Ok, 2009) (emphasis in original). In this case, the debtors' attorney affirmatively represented that he could not recommend the reaffirmation agreement. Therefore, the agreement does not meet the requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 524(c) and is not enforceable.

In addition, both the reaffirmation agreement and the bankruptcy schedules show that reaffirmation of this debt creates a presumption of undue hardship which has not been rebutted in the reaffirmation agreement. No appearance is necessary.

2. 14-14582-B-7 JASON/HEATHER CAUDELL

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY 10-21-14 [22]

1. <u>11-10116</u>-B-13 GERARDO HERNANDEZ
HDN-6
GERARDO HERNANDEZ/MV
HENRY NUNEZ/Atty. for dbt.

CONTINUED OBJECTION TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE PAYMENT CHANGE 7-11-14 [88]

2. <u>14-11928</u>-B-13 RICHARD KELLY MHM-1

CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL H. MEYER 9-9-14 [57]

MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.

The trustee's objection has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

3. <u>14-14132</u>-B-13 FREDDY/ROSA JACQUEZ
MAZ-2
FREDDY JACQUEZ/MV

MOTION TO VALUE COLLATERAL OF CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC. $10-8-14 \ [30]$

MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.

This motion to value respondent's collateral was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there was no opposition. The motion will be granted for cause shown without oral argument. Based on the evidence presented, the respondent's secured claim will be fixed at \$11,157. The moving party shall submit a proposed order consistent with this ruling. The proposed order shall specifically identify the collateral, and if applicable, the proof of claim to which it relates. The order will be effective upon confirmation of the chapter 13 plan. No appearance is necessary.

4. <u>12-16133</u>-B-13 JAMES/ANNETTE KROPP ACW-7 MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR ANDY C. WARSHAW, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S). 10-14-14 [122]

ANDY WARSHAW/Atty. for dbt.

The motion will be denied without prejudice. The applicant is requesting fees in addition to the \$4,000 no-look fee already approved and paid by the trustee through the confirmed plan. The debtors have not filed a confirmed plan that provides for and funds the payment of additional fees. In addition, the billing records offered in support of the application only relate to the additional fees requested. Any request for fees in addition to the no-look fee must include billing records for all services rendered in connection with the case, including the services for which the applicant received a no-look fee. No appearance is necessary.

5. <u>13-10033</u>-B-13 JAMES/JESSICA SILVA PLF-5 JAMES SILVA/MV MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF FEAR LAW GROUP, P.C. FOR PETER L. FEAR, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S), 10-14-14 [54]

PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

6. 14-12933-B-13 THOR RONLAKE
FJG-1
THOR RONLAKE/MV
F. GIST/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO CONFIRM PLAN 9-30-14 [24]

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

7. <u>14-13039</u>-B-13 JENNIFER HATFIELD MAZ-2 JENNIFER HATFIELD/MV

MOTION TO VALUE COLLATERAL OF PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC 10-15-14 [44]

MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.

8. 14-14343-B-13 RICHARD KELLEY
RWR-1
ALEXIS LANDSKRONER/MV
PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.
RUSSELL REYNOLDS/Atty. for mv.

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY ALEXIS LANDSKRONER 10-20-14 [31]

This matter will be continued to December 10, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. This matter will be consolidated for all purposes, including discovery and trial if necessary, with the debtor's motion to value the same collateral in Docket Control number PLF-1. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

9. <u>14-13448</u>-B-13 THEODORE/SHARRON APN-1 SCHILDKNECHT WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A./MV CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. 9-9-14 [29]

MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt. AUSTIN NAGEL/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING 10. 14-13448-B-13 THEODORE/SHARRON SCHILDKNECHT THEODORE SCHILDKNECHT/MV MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO CONFIRM PLAN 9-24-14 [36]

14-13573-B-13 GREGORY/HEATHER VITUCCI MOTION TO CONFIRM PLAN 11. HDN-2 GREGORY VITUCCI/MV HENRY NUNEZ/Atty. for dbt. WITHDRAWN

9-26-14 [44]

The motion has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

12. 14-13573-B-13 GREGORY/HEATHER VITUCCI OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF HDN-2SALADINO'S, INC./MV HENRY NUNEZ/Atty. for dbt. MICHAEL WILHELM/Atty. for mv.

PLAN BY SALADINO'S 10-14-14 [55]

This matter will be dropped from calendar. No appearance is necessary. The plan has been withdrawn and the objection to the treatment of Saladino's administrative claim appears to have been resolved, by the stipulation of the parties, and the order which the court signed and entered on October 29, 2014.

13. 14-11975-B-13 MICHAEL TAYLOR TGM-1 CHRISTINE TAYLOR/MV GARY HUSS/Atty. for dbt. TRUDI MANFREDO/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 10-15-14 [<u>46</u>]

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the respondent(s) default will be entered and the motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

The automatic stay will be modified to allow the parties to proceed with their marital dissolution action in the state court. However, the debtor's property, including the community property, is still vested in the bankruptcy estate which presents a potential problem in the event this bankruptcy case is ever converted to chapter 7. The order granting relief shall clearly provide that any order or judgment of the state court transferring, dividing, or dispersing property of the bankruptcy estate, including community property, shall be without prejudice to the right of a chapter 7 trustee to recover the estate's interest in said property, or its value, from the transferee during the pendency of this bankruptcy case.

14. 14-13882-B-13 VICTOR/ELIZABETH GUARDADO MOTION TO CONFIRM PLAN VRP-1 9-30-14 [29]
VICTOR GUARDADO/MV
VARDUHI PETROSYAN/Atty. for dbt.

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

15. <u>14-13286</u>-B-13 OSCAR GARCIA MHM-1 CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL H. MEYER 9-9-14 [25]

THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt.

This objection to confirmation of the chapter 13 plan will be overruled without prejudice. The debtor has filed and set for hearing a modified plan. The plan that this objection relates to has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

16. 12-16895-B-13 DARREN/JENNIFER COMBS
TCS-4
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION/MV
TIMOTHY SPRINGER/Atty. for dbt.
NANCY KLEPAC/Atty. for mv.

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 10-6-14 [86]

The motion to confirm or modify a chapter 13 plan was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The debtor(s) shall submit a proposed confirmation order for approval to the chapter 13 trustee. The confirmation order shall include the docket control number of the motion and it shall reference the plan by the date it was filed. No appearance is necessary.

17. $\underline{12-16895}$ -B-13 DARREN/JENNIFER COMBS TCS-5

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF TIMOTHY C. SPRINGER FOR NANCY D. KLEPAC, DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY(S). 10-10-14 [92]

TIMOTHY SPRINGER/Atty. for dbt.

This matter was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. Accordingly, the motion will be granted without oral argument for cause shown. The moving party shall submit a proposed order. No appearance is necessary.

18. $\frac{14-14298}{\text{APN}-1}$ -B-13 BRADLEY/JENNIFER DANIEL OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A./MV JEFFREY ROWE/Atty. for dbt. AUSTIN NAGEL/Atty. for mv. WITHDRAWN

9-22-14 [<u>21</u>]

The objection has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.