



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California
Honorable René Lastreto II
Department B – Courtroom #13
Fresno, California**

Hearing Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling. These instructions apply to those designations.

No Ruling: All parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered.

Tentative Ruling: If a matter has been designated as a tentative ruling it will be called, and all parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered. The court may continue the hearing on the matter, set a briefing schedule, or enter other orders appropriate for efficient and proper resolution of the matter. The original moving or objecting party shall give notice of the continued hearing date and the deadlines. The minutes of the hearing will be the court's findings and conclusions.

Final Ruling: Unless otherwise ordered, there will be no hearing on these matters. The final disposition of the matter is set forth in the ruling and it will appear in the minutes. The final ruling may or may not finally adjudicate the matter. If it is finally adjudicated, the minutes constitute the court's findings and conclusions.

Orders: Unless the court specifies in the tentative or final ruling that it will issue an order, the prevailing party shall lodge an order within 14 days of the final hearing on the matter.

Post-Publication Changes: The court endeavors to publish its rulings as soon as possible. However, calendar preparation is ongoing, and these rulings 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 any possible updates.

9:30 AM

1. [24-13339](#)-B-13 **IN RE: MARCUS BURKS AND JENNIFER RICHETELLI**
[LGT-1](#)

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG
12-18-2024 [\[14\]](#)

LILIAN TSANG/MV
RABIN POURNAZARIAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Continued to February 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

ORDER: The court will issue an order.

Chapter 13 trustee Lilian G. Tsang ("Trustee") objects to confirmation of the *Chapter 13 Plan* filed by Marcus Burks and Jennifer Richetelli (collectively "Debtors") on November 1, 2024, on the following basis:

1. The 341 meeting of creditors has not been concluded. The continued meeting is set for January 21, 2025.

Doc. #14.

This objection will be CONTINUED to **February 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** Unless this case is voluntarily converted to chapter 7, dismissed, or the objection to confirmation is withdrawn, the Debtors shall file and serve a written response to the Objection not later than **14 days before the hearing**. The response shall specifically address each issue raised in the objection to confirmation, state whether the issue is disputed or undisputed, and include admissible evidence to support the Debtors' position. Any reply shall be served no later than **7 days before the hearing**.

If the Debtors elect to withdraw the plan and file a modified plan in lieu of filing a response, then a confirmable, modified plan shall be filed, served, and set for hearing not later than **7 days before the hearing**. If the Debtors do not timely file a modified plan or a written response, this objection will be sustained on the grounds stated in the objection without further hearing.

2. [24-13340](#)-B-13 **IN RE: JUNIUS JACKSON**
[LGT-1](#)

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG
12-19-2024 [\[12\]](#)

LILIAN TSANG/MV
TIMOTHY SPRINGER/ATTY. FOR DBT.

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Continued to February 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

ORDER: The court will issue an order.

This matter will be continued to February 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to be heard in conjunction with Debtor's *Motion to Value Collateral*.

3. [24-13253](#)-B-13 **IN RE: KHALID CHAOUI**
[LGT-1](#)

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY TRUSTEE LILIAN G. TSANG
12-18-2024 [\[25\]](#)

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Overruled as moot.

No order is required.

On January 10, 2025, this case was dismissed for failure to pay fees. Doc. #38. Accordingly, this Objection will be OVERRULED AS MOOT.

4. [24-13253](#)-B-13 **IN RE: KHALID CHAOUI**
[LGT-2](#)

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE
12-18-2024 [\[28\]](#)

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Denied as moot.

No order is required.

On January 10, 2025, this case was dismissed for failure to pay fees. Doc. #38. Accordingly, this Motion will be DENIED AS MOOT.

5. [24-13256](#)-B-13 **IN RE: PARAMJIT SINGH**
[LGT-1](#)

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY LILIAN G TSANG
12-18-2024 [\[11\]](#)

LILIAN TSANG/MV

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Continued to February 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

ORDER: The court will issue an order.

Chapter 13 trustee Lilian G. Tsang ("Trustee") objects to confirmation of the *Chapter 13 Plan* filed by Paramjit Singh ("Debtor") on December 18, 2024, on the following basis:

1. The 341 meeting of creditors has not been concluded. The continued meeting is set for January 21, 2025.
2. Debtor has failed to provide documents, including but not limited to Proof of Identification and Proof of Social Security Number.
3. Debtor has failed to provide 2023 Federal and State Tax Returns.
4. Debtor has failed to provide documents including 6 months of profit and loss statements, copies of Debtor's liability riders and worker's compensation riders (if applicable to Debtor's business), the Schedule I business income and expense attachment.

Doc. #11.

This objection will be CONTINUED to **February 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** Unless this case is voluntarily converted to chapter 7, dismissed, or the objection to confirmation is withdrawn, the Debtor shall file and serve a written response to the Objection not later than **14 days before the hearing**. The response shall specifically address each issue raised in the objection to confirmation, state whether the issue is disputed or undisputed, and include admissible evidence to support the Debtors' position. Any reply shall be served no later than **7 days before the hearing**.

If the Debtor elects to withdraw the plan and file a modified plan in lieu of filing a response, then a confirmable, modified plan shall be filed, served, and set for hearing not later than **7 days before the hearing**. If the Debtor does not timely file a modified plan or a written response, this objection will be sustained on the grounds stated in the objection without further hearing.

6. [24-12495](#)-B-13 **IN RE: SHANNON SIMPSON**
[DWE-1](#)

CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
11-20-2024 [\[23\]](#)

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION/MV
ROBERT WILLIAMS/ATTY. FOR DBT.
DANE EXNOWSKI/ATTY. FOR MV.

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Overruled as moot.

ORDER: The court will issue an order.

On December 19, 2024, Shannon Elaine Simpson ("Debtor") filed a *First Amended Chapter 13 Plan*. Doc. #37. Accordingly, this Objection is OVERRULED as moot.

10:00 AM

1. [25-10088](#)-B-11 **IN RE: AMY CORPUS**
[FW-2](#)

MOTION TO USE CASH COLLATERAL
1-14-2025 [[5](#)]

AMY CORPUS/MV
PETER FEAR/ATTY. FOR DBT.
OST 1/14/25

This matter was added to calendar after posting the original pre-hearing dispositions.

NO RULING.

11:00 AM

1. [21-11001](#)-B-11 **IN RE: NAVDIP BADHESHA**
[RMB-16](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: OBJECTION TO CLAIM OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION, CLAIM NUMBER 8
4-11-2022 [[241](#)]

NAVDIP BADHESHA/MV
MATTHEW RESNIK/ATTY. FOR DBT.

NO RULING.

2. [22-11403](#)-B-7 **IN RE: STANFORD CHOPPING, INC.**
[24-1023](#) [CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT
8-14-2024 [[1](#)]

HOLDER V. AUGUSTAR LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION
ESTELA PINO/ATTY. FOR PL.

NO RULING.

3. [22-11403](#)-B-7 **IN RE: STANFORD CHOPPING, INC.**
[24-1023](#) [RHV-2](#)

AMENDED MOTION TO DISMISS CAUSE(S) OF ACTION FROM COMPLAINT
12-18-2024 [[49](#)]

HOLDER V. AUGUSTAR LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION
REBEKKA MARTORANO/ATTY. FOR MV.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

NO RULING.

4. [21-12407](#)-B-13 **IN RE: MANUELA BETTENCOURT**
[24-1049](#) [CAE-1](#)

STATUS CONFERENCE RE: AMENDED COMPLAINT
11-18-2024 [\[6\]](#)

BETTENCOURT V. NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN TRUST
SUSAN SILVEIRA/ATTY. FOR PL.
SUMMONS REISSUED 3/12/25

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Concluded and Dropped from calendar

ORDER: The court will issue an order.

On January 2, 2025, the summons was reissued in this adversary,
resetting the status conference for March 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
Accordingly, this Status Conference will be CONCLUDED and DROPPED from
the calendar.

5. [19-13631](#)-B-7 **IN RE: CHRISTINA RUELAS**
[24-1012](#)

PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT
5-16-2024 [\[1\]](#)

ROBERTS V. RUELAS
GREGG ROBERTS/ATTY. FOR PL.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

NO RULING.

6. [24-11845](#)-B-7 **IN RE: LUIS CALDERON**
[24-1029](#) [CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT
9-10-2024 [\[1\]](#)

CALDERON V. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LATIFE NEU/ATTY. FOR PL.

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Concluded and dropped from calendar.

No order is required.

On January 8, 2025, a Stipulation of the parties was approved by the
court whereby judgment was entered in favor of the Plaintiff, with all

remaining claims and previously alleged claims dismissed with prejudice. Accordingly, this Status Conference is CONCLUDED and DROPPED from the calendar.

7. [24-12297](#)-B-7 **IN RE: STEVEN WILCOX**
[24-1022](#) [CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: COMPLAINT
8-9-2024 [\[1\]](#)

WILCOX V. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STEVEN WILCOX/ATTY. FOR PL.

FINAL RULING: There will be no hearing on this matter.

DISPOSITION: Dismissed without prejudice and dropped from calendar.

ORDER: The court will issue an order.

On November 14, 2024, the court entered an order continuing the status conference to January 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Doc. #12. The court further ordered that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), service shall be completed on or before December 13, 2024, and that failure to timely complete service would result in the adversary proceeding being dismissed.

Since then, there has been no activity in the case and no indication that the Plaintiff complied with the order and timely completed Rule 4(m) service on the Defendant by the December 13, 2024, deadline. Accordingly, this adversary proceeding will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, and this Status Conference will be CONCLUDED and DROPPED from the calendar.