UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of California
Honorable W. Richard Lee
Hearing Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015
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.

10:00 A.M.

1. <u>12-60025</u>-B-7 NANCY SAECHAO
MAZ-2
NANCY SAECHAO/MV
MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA) NA 8-1-15 [48]

This matter will be continued to September 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. The address shown on the 2011 judgment lien is not the same address which the debtor now claims to be her residence. The debtor shall file evidence to show that the debtor possessed an interest in the subject property to which the judgment lien could have attached at the time the judgment lien was recorded. Farrey v. Sanderfoot, 111 S.Ct. 667. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

2. 14-15525-B-7 KEVIN BELL
TMT-1
TRUDI MANFREDO/MV
MARK ZIMMERMAN/Atty. for dbt.
TRUDI MANFREDO/Atty. for mv.

MOTION TO SELL 8-5-15 [23]

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>13-17341</u>-B-7 HOWARD SAGASER WFH-20

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF WILKE, FLEURY, HOFFELT, GOULD AND BIRNEY, LLP FOR DANIEL L. EGAN, TRUSTEES ATTORNEY(S) 8-6-15 [619]

HAGOP BEDOYAN/Atty. for dbt.

This matter was noticed as a preliminary hearing, however the court is prepared to grant the motion without a hearing unless a party in interest appears in opposition. If there is any opposition, the court will issue a civil minute order continuing the matter and setting a final hearing for September 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. The formal opposition will be required not later than September 8, 2015. No appearance is necessary by the moving party on September 3, 2015.

4. 15-10058-B-7 CENTRAL VALLEY

JES-2 IRRIGATION SERVICE

JAMES SALVEN/MV

DANIEL CRAVENS/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR JAMES E. SALVEN, ACCOUNTANT(S) 7-30-15 [31]

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.

5. <u>15-11286</u>-B-7 MARGARITA CORTEZ
TMT-1
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 8-6-15 [21]

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.

1. 15-12100-B-7 VICTOR/REINA CASTILLO

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. 8-12-15 [18]

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 debtor(s) 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 debtor(s) 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. 15-12306-B-7 ROCIO QUINTANA

PRO SE REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN HONDA FINANCE CORP. 8-14-15 [12]

Approval of the Reaffirmation Agreement will be denied. The form of the Reaffirmation Agreement does not appear to comply with 11 U.S.C. \$\\$524(c)(2) and 524(k). The agreement is missing several pages which include the disclosures required by the bankruptcy code. The court will issue a minute order deeming the Reaffirmation Agreement to be non-compliant with the Bankruptcy Code and non-binding on the parties. The debtor has 14 days to file an amended reaffirmation agreement that complies with the code. No appearance is necessary.

1. <u>11-10200</u>-B-13 WARREN/MICHELLE BOND MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-3 7-16-15 [<u>133</u>]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
TIMOTHY SPRINGER/Atty. for dbt.

The chapter 13 trustee's motion to dismiss was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The record shows that there is a material default in the chapter 13 plan payments that has not been cured. Accordingly, the motion will be granted without oral argument. The case will be dismissed for cause shown. The court will prepare and enter a civil minute order. No appearance is necessary.

2. <u>14-12900</u>-B-13 MEILY YIP MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-2 7-21-15 [<u>46</u>]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
DAVID JENKINS/Atty. for dbt.

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

3. <u>15-12400</u>-B-13 PRITPAL CHAHAL MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-1 8-4-15 [<u>20</u>] MICHAEL MEYER/MV JERRY LOWE/Atty. for dbt.

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

4. 10-18909-B-13 JOSEPH LOZANO MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-2 7-16-15 [92]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt.
WITHDRAWN

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

5. 12-16315-B-13 JUAN LEON AND VERONICA MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-3 GUZMAN 7-21-15 [58]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt.

The trustee's motion to dismiss the case will be denied. The debtors have converted this case to chapter 7 and the default in chapter 13 plan payments is now a moot issue. No appearance is necessary.

6. 12-16615-B-13 FRANK/IRENE DELEMA
MHM-2
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
JAMES MILLER/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-21-15 [49]

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

7. <u>12-14324</u>-B-13 FRANK/GUADALUPE MEJIA
MHM-2
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
RICHARD BAMBL/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-21-15 [61]

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

8. <u>15-11931</u>-B-13 MICHAEL VIVEROS
MHM-1
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
TIMOTHY SPRINGER/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-31-15 [19]

The chapter 13 trustee's motion to dismiss was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The records shows the debtor has failed to appear at the continued §341 meeting of creditors and has failed to provide the trustee with all of the documentation required by 11 U.S.C. §521(a)(3)(4). Accordingly, the motion will be granted without oral argument. The case will be dismissed for cause shown. The court will prepare and enter a civil minute order. No appearance is necessary.

9. 12-60143-B-13 TINA VALDEZ
MHM-2
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
JERRY LOWE/Atty. for dbt.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-21-15 [29]

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

10. 15-11944-B-13 HECTOR/MARISELA MIRANDA
MHM-1
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
HENRY NUNEZ/Atty. for dbt.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 8-3-15 [20]

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

11. 14-12249-B-13 ARTHUR/MAUREEN VILLAGRANA MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-2 7-21-15 [42]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

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

12. <u>13-16653</u>-B-13 MARCUS CESENA MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-2 7-21-15 [<u>37</u>]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
STEPHEN LABIAK/Atty. for dbt.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

The trustee's motion will be denied without prejudice. The debtor's response and the record shows that the debtor has filed, served, and set for hearing, a modified plan that appears to cure the default. No appearance is necessary.

13. 15-12453-B-13 JOHN/KAREN LYSTAD MOTION TO VALUE COLLATERAL OF CITIBANK, NA JOHN LYSTAD/MV 7-30-15 [24]
DAVID JENKINS/Atty. for dbt.

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.

14. 14-14459-B-13 SHAWN SLADE MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-1 7-21-15 [20]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
DAVID JENKINS/Atty. for dbt.

The chapter 13 trustee's motion to dismiss was fully noticed in compliance with the Local Rules and there is no opposition. The record shows that there is a material default in the chapter 13 plan payments that has not been cured. Accordingly, the motion will be granted without oral argument. The case will be dismissed for cause shown. The court will prepare and enter a civil minute order. No appearance is necessary.

15. 14-13962-B-13 JORGE GOMEZ AND MARIA MOTION TO DISMISS CASE MHM-3 TOVAR DE GOMEZ 7-21-15 [61]
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
BRIAN HADDIX/Atty. for dbt.
WITHDRAWN

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

16. 15-12664-B-13 MARIBETH LIM MHM-1MICHAEL MEYER/MV

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 8-19-15 [26]

The trustee's motion to dismiss was noticed as a preliminary hearing. The motion will be continued and set for a final hearing on September 24, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. The debtor's responsive pleading, supported by admissible evidence, shall be filed and served by September 17, 2015. The court intends to dismiss this case without oral argument unless a responsive pleading is filed. No appearance is necessary.

17. 13-17665-B-13 MARGARITO/GUADALUPE MHM-2 VILLEGAS MICHAEL MEYER/MV THOMAS GILLIS/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-21-15 [47]

The chapter 13 trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

18. 15-11966-B-13 SAMUEL FRANCO DELGADO AND CONTINUED AMENDED MOTION TO SAMUEL FRANCO DELGADO/MV

MARIA RODRIGUEZ DE FRANCO VALUE COLLATERAL OF BANK OF THE SIERRA, INC. 7-24-15 [28]

SCOTT LYONS/Atty. for dbt.

This motion will be denied without prejudice. The subject property is not identified in either the motion or the notice. Further, based on the respondent's proof of claim, it does not appear that the respondent, Bank of the Sierra, has a lien against the subject property identified in the petition and the debtor's declaration as 12579 Ave. 322, Visalia. No appearance is necessary.

19. 14-15474-B-7 STEVEN/TERESA CROSIER MHM-1MICHAEL MEYER/MV GEOFFREY ADALIAN/Atty. for dbt. CONVERTED 8/19/15

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-21-15 [19]

The trustee's motion to dismiss the case will be denied. The debtors have converted this case to chapter 7 and the default in chapter 13 plan payments is now a moot issue. No appearance is necessary.

20. <u>12-11878</u>-B-13 MAUREY/MARY COPELAND
ASW-1
MAUREY COPELAND/MV
ADRIAN WILLIAMS/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 7-29-15 [66]

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.

21. <u>15-10178</u>-B-13 WESLEY/SUSAN ROBERTSON MHM-1 MICHAEL MEYER/MV DAVID JENKINS/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-21-15 [31]

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

22. <u>15-12085</u>-B-13 STACEY CALK
MHM-1
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
TIMOTHY SPRINGER/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-31-15 [27]

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

23. <u>10-64889</u>-B-13 SAMER/TONI ABUGHAZALEH
MHM-2
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
GLEN GATES/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-16-15 [76]

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

24. <u>11-12691</u>-B-13 JAYSON/JAMIEDAWN
MHM-2 DANDURAND
MICHAEL MEYER/MV
JOSEPH ARNOLD/Atty. for dbt.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-17-15 [58]

The chapter 13 trustee's motion to dismiss has been withdrawn. No appearance is necessary.

25. <u>15-12591</u>-B-13 CHRISTOPHER NIEBLAS
SAS-1
PAN AMERICAN BANK/MV
FRANCISCO ALDANA/Atty. for dbt.
STEVEN SILVER/Atty. for mv.

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY PAN AMERICAN BANK 8-17-15 [23]

This objection to confirmation was noticed as a preliminary hearing. The objection will be continued and set for a final hearing on September 24, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. Unless this case is voluntarily converted to chapter 7 or dismissed or the objection has been withdrawn, the debtor shall file and serve a written response not later than September 17, 2015. The response shall specifically address each issue raised in the objection, state whether the issue is disputed or undisputed, and include admissible evidence to support the debtor' position. If the debtor does not timely file a written response, the objection will be sustained on the grounds stated and confirmation will be denied without a further hearing. The court will prepare and enter a civil minute order.

26. 10-14295-B-13 DAVID/ROBIN SILVEIRA EGS-2
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC/MV DAVID JENKINS/Atty. for dbt. EDWARD SCHLOSS/Atty. for mv.

MOTION TO RESTRICT OR REDACT PUBLIC ACCESS RE 8-6-15 [105]

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 clerk shall restrict from public access the notice of payment change filed on March 22, 2015. Within 10 days the filing party shall file an amended version of the properly redacted document. No appearance is necessary.

27. <u>14-12397</u>-B-13 WILLY JIMENEZ
PBB-1
WILLY JIMENEZ/MV
PETER BUNTING/Atty. for dbt.

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 7-28-15 [29]

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.

1. 13-16155-B-7 MICHAEL WEILERT AND CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE:
13-1134 GENEVIEVE DE MONTREMARE
BRIAN L. GWARTZ AND CHERYL A. 8-28-14 [47]
SKIGIN, CO-TRUSTEES V. WEILERT
CHERYL SKIGIN/Atty. for pl.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Based on the pending motion below, this matter will be dropped from calendar. It does not appear that a further status conference is necessary at this time. No appearance is necessary.

2. 13-16155-B-7 MICHAEL WEILERT AND RESCHEDULED HEARING RE: MOTION 13-1134 GENEVIEVE DE MONTREMARE CAS-5TO DISMISS DEFENDANT GENEVIEVE DE MONTREMARE AND/OR MOTION FOR SKIGIN, CO-TRUSTEES V. WEILERT ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AGAINST MICHAEL WEILERT 7-30-15 [103]

CHERYL SKIGIN/Atty. for mv.

This matter will be continued and set for a final hearing on September 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. The court intends to grant this motion without oral argument unless an opposition is filed. Any opposition shall be filed and served not later than September 8, 2015. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

3. <u>13-16062</u>-B-7 MICHAEL WEILERT, M.D., RHT-2 INC. ROBERT HAWKINS/MV CONTINUED MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES 6-4-15 [95]

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. ROBERT HAWKINS/Atty. for mv.

This matter will be continued to September 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. Based on the adversary proceeding below, and the exhibits attached thereto, the debtor's interest in Pathology Associates appears to be collateral for one of two competing secured creditors. The court requests clarification from the chapter 7 trustee as to whether any proceeds from this transaction will benefit unsecured creditors. The court also requests a statement from the trustee summarizing what other assets remain to be administered and what benefits, if any, they will produce for the unsecured creditors, before the trustee will be in a position to file his final report. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

4. 13-16062-B-7 MICHAEL WEILERT, M.D., RESCHEDULED STATUS CONFERENCE
15-1073 INC. RE: COMPLAINT
BRIAN L. GWARTZ AND CHERYL A. 6-3-15 [1]
SKIGIN, CO-TRUSTEES V. WILD,
CHERYL SKIGIN/Atty. for pl.

This matter will be continued to September 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., for further briefing. Pendragon's objection to the amount of Wild, Carter & Tipton (WCT)'s proof of claim, and its prayer to avoid WCT's security interest in the debtor's assets, is irrelevant unless it appears there will be any money to actually distribute to unsecured creditors. Based on the allegations in the complaint, this appears to be a lien priority dispute between two secured creditors, Pendragon and WCT, who both claim to have a security interest in virtually all of the debtor's assets. As such, this dispute involves only state law, could be fully adjudicated in the state court, and the final resolution will have no effect whatsoever on the trustee's administration of this chapter 7 case. See In re Alexander, 49 BR 733 (Bankr. D.N.D., 1985).

Pendragon's complaint assumes that this court has "core proceeding" jurisdiction, and WCT's response is based solely upon Pendragon's alleged lack of standing. In the absence of a timely motion, the court must determine on its own motion whether it has jurisdiction over an adversary proceeding or a contested matter. See Samson Resources v. Valero Marketing and Supply, 449 B.R. 120, 126 (D.N.M., 2011). In this case the court is not persuaded that it has either "core" or "related to" jurisdiction over the lien priority claims pled and intends to dismiss the adversary proceeding on that ground. The court also notes that the complaint does not plead a "short plain statement" of Pendragon's claim(s) in compliance with FRCP 8(a) (2) (FRBP 7008) which is an independent grounds for dismissal. The parties are invited to submit supplemental briefing on the jurisdiction issue. Supplemental briefs shall be filed and served by September 8, 2015. The court will prepare a minute order. No appearance is necessary.

5. 13-16062-B-7 MICHAEL WEILERT, M.D., RESCHEDULED HEARING RE: MOTION TO DISMISS ADVERSARY
BRIAN L. GWARTZ AND CHERYL A. PROCEEDING/NOTICE OF REMOVAL SKIGIN, CO-TRUSTEES V. WILD, MANDY JEFFCOACH/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

This matter will be continued to September 10, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. No further briefing is required at this time. The court does not intend to rule on this matter unless and until the court determines that it has jurisdiction to adjudicate this dispute pursuant to the ruling above. The court will enter a civil minute order. No appearance is necessary.