

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC REGARDING TIME
COMPUTATION AMENDMENTS TO THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND RULES AND
REQUIRED CONFORMING AMENDMENT OF TIME DEADLINES IN LOCAL
RULES, GENERAL ORDERS AND FORMS**

Please be advised that on March 26, 2009, the Supreme Court approved changes to Bankruptcy Rule 9006 which addresses the method by which time is calculated. On May 7, 2009, the Statutory Time Period Technical Amendments Act of 2009 was enacted (Pub. L. No. 111-06). The law adjusts the time period in 28 statutes, including nine sections of the Bankruptcy Code, which are impacted by the upcoming federal rule changes. *Both the statutory and rules changes will take effect on the same day, December 1, 2009.*

Under the current federal rules, intermediate weekends and holidays are excluded when calculating time periods fewer than eight days. The amended rules count intermediate weekends and holidays for all time periods. Accordingly, all time deadline fewer than eight days in the Court's local rules have been examined to determine whether they should be extended to offset the effect of the change in the time-computation method.

In addition, *all* time deadlines in the current rules were reviewed. Deadlines of less than 30 days were changed to multiples of seven days so that the expiration of the deadline ordinarily would occur on a weekday. Under the revised rules:

5 day deadlines become 7 days;

10 and 15 day deadlines become 14 days;

20 day deadlines become 21 days; and

25 day deadlines become 28 days

Attorneys and members of the public are encouraged to review all time deadline changes to the national rules, local rules, General Orders and forms. Detailed information about the time computation changes to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure can be found at www.uscourts.gov/rules. Detailed information about the time computation changes to the Local Rules and Forms are posted to the Court's Website www.njb.uscourts.gov.

Should you have any questions regarding the application of these rule changes, please contact the Office of the Clerk.

DATE: October 5, 2009

James J. Waldron
Clerk