



Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

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Dear Members of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure:

On behalf of the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section Local Rules and Forms Committee, I offer the following comments to the proposed amendments of Part VIII the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure:

8003 and 8004: The changes to Proposed Rules 8003 and 8004 removing the delay of docketing an appeal by the district court or BAP until the record was complete and transmitted to the appropriate court by the bankruptcy clerk provide greater clarity regarding the timing of the docketing of the appeal, and will hopefully allow parties to bring their pleadings before the appropriate judge, saving bankruptcy clerk time and resources.

8009: The changes to Proposed Rule 8009(a) provide stylistic changes to the current Bankruptcy Rule 8006 we believe will assist practitioners in completing the record on appeal with greater ease.

8010(b): Proposed Rule 8010(b) does not articulate the bankruptcy clerk's duties if the record is never completed.

8015(a)(7): We support the proposed reduction of brief page length, as this will bring greater consistency with both the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure (as well as the Oregon Local Bankruptcy Rules).

On behalf of the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section Local Rules and Forms Committee, I would like to thank the committee for its hard work and dedication in its undertaking to reform and update Part VIII of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. I respectfully request these comments be considered. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah A. Filcher