



**PUBLIC NOTICE RE:  
CLOSING OF U. S. BANKRUPTCY  
COURT, SDFL MIAMI DIVISION OFFICE  
FROM NOVEMBER 17 THROUGH  
NOVEMBER 21, 2003**

In accordance with a directive of Chief United States District Judge William J. Zloch closing the Miami division facilities of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the United States Bankruptcy Court will also suspend operations at its Miami divisional office located in the Claude Pepper Federal Building, 51 S.W. First Avenue, from November 17 through November 21, 2003 during the meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

The Miami offices will be closed to the public and no court hearings will be conducted. In addition, the Office of the United States Trustee has advised that their office in the Claude Pepper Federal Building will be closed and no first meetings of creditors will be conducted during the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach divisional offices of the bankruptcy court will remain open to the public and all scheduled hearings and meetings of creditors will be conducted as scheduled.

Attorneys and the public will not be able to conduct routine business **in person** at the Miami Division during the week of November 17<sup>th</sup> and the after-hours filing depository will not be accessible. Filings or other submissions may be submitted in person at the Ft. Lauderdale clerk's office, at 299 E. Broward Blvd., Room 112 or the West Palm Beach clerk's office at 701 Clematis Street, Room 202, or through the mail addressed to any of the three court addresses. Emergency filings should be brought to either the Ft. Lauderdale or West Palm Beach clerk's offices or placed in their after-hours filing depository.

The public is advised to continue to check the court's website at [www.flsb.uscourts.gov](http://www.flsb.uscourts.gov) for any future updates or instructions on the court closings and continuance of operations at the Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach divisional office.

**October 31, 2003**