U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida

Bankruptcy Lawyers Advisory Committee ("LAC")

Minutes from June 20, 2023, Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

LAC Members

Raychelle Tasher (Chair, 2024) Greg Grossman (Vice Chair, 2023) Christopher Andrew Jarvinen (Immediate Past Chair ex officio, Acting Secretary) (2024) Peter Kelly (Liaison, Pro Bono Committee, 2023) Jeffrey S. Fraser (2025) John Page (2025) Heidi Feinman (2024) Laila Gonzalez (2024) Greg Grossman (2023) Michael Dunn (President-BBA, 2023) Michael Hoffman (2025) Dana Kaplan (2023) Catherine Kretzschmar (2024) Justin Lefko (2023) Robin Weiner (Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, 2024) Jacqueline Calderin (2023)

- Welcome.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of February LAC Meeting.

3. Old Business Subcommittee Reports.

- 1. Chapter 13. (J. Fraser)
 - 1. <u>Safe Harbor Fees</u>
 - Mr. Fraser provided the LAC with an update on the status of discussions on safe harbor fees, which is that the Judges issued an Administrative Order.
 - 2. Annual Bench/Bar Conference Initiative. (J. Lefko)

Mr. Lefko provided the LAC with an update on the status of discussions on the Annual Bench/Bar Conference Initiative.

- 3. <u>Mental Health/Attorney Mentoring</u>.
- 1. Mental Health Initiatives (J. Page)

An update was provided on the status of the mental health initiatives.

4. <u>Electronic Signature Initiative</u>. (*M. Hoffman; D. Kaplan*)

An update was provided on the status of the electronic signature initiative and M. Hoffinan advised the subcommittee would have additional information next meeting.

5. Student Loan Dischargeability (*R. Tasher*) Ms. Tasher discussed new developments in student loan dischargeability and the new DOJ student loan guidance.

4. New Business: Open Floor

1. Hard Costs for Student Loan Dischargeability Analysis and Attestation (*L. Gonzalez*) Ms. Gonzalez advised of the hard costs of \$ 128.00 charged by Stretto.

2. Noticing Provisions in Chapter 13 (*L. Gonzalez*) Ms. Gonzalez will reach out to Clerk's Office to see about a docket entry for notice.

3. Original Signatures v. Docusign (*L. Gonzalez*) Discussion of Wet Signature Requirement and Verification Procedures in Docusign.

4. Notice of Postpetition Fees, Expenses and Charges requirement to be added to rule 3002.1 (*L.Gonzalez*) J. Fraser advised that this was resolved in a recent Administrative Order.