

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE)
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LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE)
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ORDER AMENDING LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES

Notice of proposed amendments to the local rules of this court was given to the bar and the public on June 3, 2008. The last date for submitting comments concerning the proposed amendment was July 3, 2008, and the court has considered all comments received. Effective immediately, local bankruptcy rule L.B.R. B-9010-1 is amended to read:

B-9010-1
Attorneys

(a) The bar of this court shall consist of those persons admitted to practice by the District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

(b) The chair of any committee established pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 705 or § 1102 may appear and speak for the committee at any non-evidentiary hearing in a contested matter. Such a committee must be represented by an attorney at any evidentiary hearing and in all adversary proceedings.

(c) A person not a member of the bar of this court shall not be permitted to practice in this court or before any officer thereof as an attorney, unless (1) such person appears on his or her own behalf as a party, or (2) such person is admitted to practice in any other United States Court or the highest court of any state and is, on application to this court, granted leave to appear in a specific action *pro hac vice* and tenders the required fee (which is one-half of the fee required for admission to the bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana) by a check payable to the "Clerk, United States District Court" or (3) such person appears as attorney for the United States.

(d)-(f) The provisions of N.D. Ind. L.R. 83.5 (d)-(f) are applicable to all matters pending in the bankruptcy court.

(g) In all matters and proceedings before this court, only natural persons may appear and represent themselves. All other entities shall be represented by an attorney. For the purposes of filing a proof of claim, participating in a meeting

conducted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 341 or a reaffirmation agreement, a creditor need not be represented by or appear through an attorney.

(h) Paraprofessionals may not appear at a § 341 meeting on behalf of a debtor but may appear and question a debtor on behalf of a creditor.

(i) Persons appearing *pro hac vice* pursuant to subsection (c) of this rule shall certify that they have read the Standards for Professional Conduct within the Seventh Federal Judicial Circuit and the local rules of this court and shall abide by them in all cases in this court. This certification shall accompany the motion to appear *pro hac vice* on the form available from the clerk of the district court. The failure to make the required certification may result in the motion being denied.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 29, 2008

/s/ Harry C. Dees, Jr.
Harry C. Dees, Jr., Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ Robert E. Grant
Robert E. Grant, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ J. Philip Klingeberger
J. Philip Klingeberger, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ Kent Lindquist
Kent Lindquist, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court