

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

IN RE

**LIMITED NOTICE IN VOLUNTARY
CHAPTER 7, CHAPTER 12, AND
CHAPTER 13 CASES**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 56-2

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (“Rule”) 2002(h), unless otherwise ordered by the Court, in voluntary chapter 7, chapter 12, and chapter 13 cases, service of notices required by Rule 2002(a) may be limited in the following manner without further order of the Court:

(a) Limited Notice as to Non-Governmental Creditors. Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) below, after 70 days following the order for relief or the date of the order converting the case to chapter 12 or 13, service of notices required by Rule 2002(a) may be limited to the entities set forth in Rule 2002(h)(1), the United States trustee, any entity that filed a request for all notices, and all governmental units holding claims whether or not a proof of claim has been filed.

(b) Limited Notice as to All Creditors. Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) below, after 180 days following the order for relief, service of notices required by Rule 2002(a) may be limited to the entities set forth in Rule 2002(h)(1), the United States trustee, and any entity that filed a request for all notices.

(c) No Limited Notice in No-Asset Chapter 7 Cases. In a chapter 7 case in which creditors were given notice of insufficient assets to pay a dividend, subsection (a) and (b) of this General Order shall not apply.

(d) Limited Notice After a Notice of Assets. If the Clerk issues a notice of the time for filing claims under Rule 3002(c)(5) (“Notice of Assets”), service of notices required by Rule 2002(a) may be limited:

(1) to the entities provided in subsection (a) of this General Order after 90 days following the mailing of the Notice of Assets; and

(2) to the entities provided in subsection (b) of this General Order after 90 days following the mailing of the Notice of Assets or 180 days following the order for relief, whichever is later.

(e) Service of Amended Chapter 13 Plans (Preconfirmation): Amended chapter 13 plans filed prior to confirmation need only be served on the parties specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule (“LBR”) 3015-2(a)(2). Parts (a) and (b) of this General Order apply to amended chapter 13 plans such that creditors that do not file proofs of claim prior to the deadlines specified in (a) and (b) are not “adversely affected parties” pursuant to LBR 3015-2(a)(2). However, when an amended plan adds or changes a provision providing treatment of a specifically identified creditor and that treatment differs from prior versions of the chapter 13 plan, the amended plan shall be served on the specifically identified creditor regardless of whether the deadlines in (a) and (b) have expired.

(f) Effective Date. This General Order applies to all cases where the Clerk issues a notice under Rule 2002(a)(1) or Rule 3002(c)(5) after March 15, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1/29/24

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge John E. Hoffman, Jr.
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio