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CINCINNATI, OHIO

In re)
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ORDER REGARDING COMPLEX)
CHAPTER 11 CASES)
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GENERAL ORDER 30-1

The term "Complex Chapter 11 case" means a case – (1) filed under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code; (2) that is not filed by an individual debtor, as single asset real estate case, or as small business case as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51C); and (3) with aggregate debt of all affiliated debtors of at least \$10 million or involving a debtor with publicly traded debt or equity.

Concurrent with the filing of the petition, a debtor whose case is eligible to be treated as a Complex Chapter 11 case may file a designation electing treatment as a Complex Chapter 11 case. Verification of the designation will occur prior to or at the beginning of any first day hearings. Only debtors that elect Complex Chapter 11 case treatment and are verified as Complex Chapter 11 cases shall be subject to Complex Chapter 11 case procedures.

Complex Chapter 11 cases will be assigned randomly between two designated judges. The two designated judges will be chosen by the Court from a majority vote of the judges. One designated judge will sit in the Eastern Division and one designated Judge will sit in the Western Division. Initially, one designated judge will serve a term of four (4) years and one designated judge will serve a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, the terms will be three (3) year terms. The initial two judges shall be the Honorable John E. Hoffman, Jr., from the Eastern Division and the Honorable Guy R. Humphrey from the Western Division.

In modification of LBR 1071-1, the filing location of the case, i.e., Cincinnati, Dayton, or Columbus, will not be determinative of the judge assigned to the Complex Chapter 11 case. Further, notwithstanding the filing location of the case, the Complex Chapter 11 case, along with all related cases and the proceedings and matters arising in or related to such Complex Chapter 11 case and all related cases, will be heard in the assigned judge's court location. The judge assigned to a Complex Chapter 11 case will retain the case independent of his or her term length.

A debtor whose case is eligible to be treated as a Complex Chapter 11 case but chooses not to file a designation will not be subject to any Complex Chapter 11 case procedures. Further, the case will be assigned to a judge pursuant to LBR 1071-1.

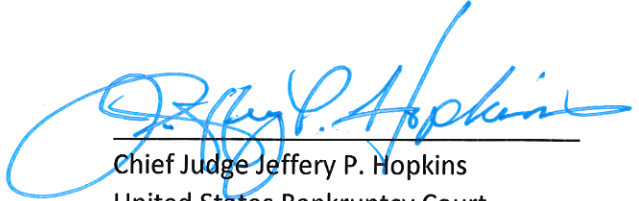
The Attorney Advisory Chapter 11 Subcommittee is hereby authorized to prepare proposed local rules, guidelines and forms for Complex Chapter 11 cases. The Honorable John E. Hoffman, Jr. and the Honorable Guy R. Humphrey shall serve as advisory members to the subcommittee. These proposed local rules, guidelines and forms will be subject to the same approval process followed for amendments to the

Local Bankruptcy Rules in this District. No case will be eligible for treatment as a Complex Chapter 11 case until such proposed local rules, guidelines and forms are effective.

This Order is issued pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 154(a). It is effective upon entry.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 9/28/2018



Chief Judge Jeffery P. Hopkins
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio