Summary of Proposed Revisions Local Bankruptcy Rules and Local Bankruptcy Forms U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado

On December 1, 2017, the Court adopted substantial revisions to its Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms to (1) ease procedural complexity for parties, (2) reduce duplication of content in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Bankruptcy Code in accordance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy 9029(a)(1), and (3) maintain consistency with the modernized Official Bankruptcy Forms, which took effect in 2015. The Court now proposes the following additional, minor revisions designed to enhance the 2017 revisions.

- 1. L.B.R. 2016-3. Compensation of Chapter 13 Debtor's Attorney.
 - a. Subsections (b)(3) and (c)(3) have been revised for clarity. Specifically, the rule now provides clear direction about service of notice of long form fee applications and supplemental form fee applications before and after the filing deadlines for non-governmental proofs of claim.
- 2. L.B.R. 9010-1. Attorneys.
 - a. Subsection (b)(2)(B) has been revised to require out-of-state counsel to retain qualified local counsel who will appear at hearings and participate meaningfully in client representation. The Court may excuse this requirement for good cause.
- 3. L.B.F. 3003-1.1, 3003-1.2 and 3003-1.3. Proof of Claim and Bar Date Notice forms.
 - a. New language has been added to inform recipients of all filing methods for proofs of claim.