

COMMITTEE NOTE

Official Form 121, *Statement About Your Social Security Numbers*, is revised as part of the Forms Modernization Project. The form, which applies only in cases of individual debtors, replaces former Official Form 21, *Statement of Social Security Number(s)*. It is renumbered to distinguish it from the forms used by non-individual debtors, such as corporations and partnerships.

To make Form 121 easier to understand and complete, the form is divided into three sections, and directions on the form are simplified. The debtor's Employer Tax-Identification number (EIN) is eliminated from the form, and the debtor's name is moved from the caption to the body of the form.

HISTORICAL NOTES

2012 COMMITTEE NOTE

The form is amended to remind debtors that, in accordance with Rule 1007(f), it should be submitted to the court, but not filed on the public docket. This rule protects an individual debtor's social-security number or taxpayer-identification number from becoming accessible to the public.

2007 COMMITTEE NOTE

The form is amended to direct an individual debtor who does not have a social-security number but has another government-issued individual taxpayer- identification number to furnish that number to the court. In light of the new Rule 9037 which limits public disclosure to all but the last four digits of any individual taxpayer-identification number, the amendment to this form will ensure that the court and creditors can properly identify a debtor who does not have a social- security number.

2003 COMMITTEE NOTE

The form implements Rule 1007(f), which requires a debtor to submit a statement under penalty of perjury setting out the debtor's Social Security number. The form is necessary because Rule 1005 provides that the caption of the petition includes only the final four digits of the debtor's Social Security number. The statement provides the information necessary for the clerk to include the debtor's full Social Security number on the notice of the meeting of creditors, as required under Rule 2002(a)(1). Creditors in a case, along with the trustee and United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator, will receive the full Social Security number on their copy of the notice of the meeting of creditors. The copy of that notice which goes into the court file will show only the last four digits of the number.