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**TO:** Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal, Chair  
Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

**FROM:** Hon. Laura Taylor Swain, Chair  
Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules

**DATE:** December 12, 2008

**RE:** Report of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules

**I. Introduction**

The Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules met on October 2-3, 2008, in Denver, Colorado.

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The Committee recommends Standing Committee approval for publication of the preliminary draft of proposed amendments to one Rule[.]

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**II. Action Items**

A. Preliminary Draft of Proposed Amendment to Bankruptcy Rule 6003.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the Standing Committee approve the attached draft of a proposed amendment to Bankruptcy Rule 6003 for publication for comment.

1. *Synopsis of Preliminary Draft of Proposed Amendment to Bankruptcy Rule 6003.*

**Rule 6003** is amended to clarify that the requirement of a 21-day waiting period before a bankruptcy court can enter certain orders at the beginning of a case, including an order approving employment of counsel, does not prevent the court from specifying an effective date for the order that is earlier than the date of its issuance. The amendment also makes clear that the rule restricts only the issuance of orders granting the specified relief, and not the entry of all orders that may relate in some way to the specified motions or applications.

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