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Subject Amended Rule 4002

Amended Rule 4002 (Duties of Debtor) implements § 521 (3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code, and requires the debtor to bring specified documentation of income, recently filed federal income tax return, and financial assets to the § 341 meeting of creditors. I write in support of this amendment. The information requested should really be the basis for the generation of the petition in the first place and so its production should not place a further burden on the debtor or counsel. The trustees will exercise their discretion whether to review the documents, whether to retain them or return them on the spot, and whether to administer assets the documents may reveal. Rather than inhibiting bankruptcy administration, rapid dispatch of trustee queries at the meeting would eliminate time consuming requests for production of documents after the meeting.

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