

## 2017 COMMITTEE NOTE

Official Form 425A, *Plan of Reorganization for Small Business Under Chapter 11*, replaces Official Form 25A, *Plan of Reorganization in Small Business Case Under Chapter 11*. It is revised as part of the Forms Modernization Project, making it easier to read, and includes formatting and stylistic changes throughout the form. It is intended to provide an illustrative format, rather than a specific prescription for the form's language or content of a plan in any particular case.

In Article 1, *Summary*, a category is added for priority claims that are required to be classified and provided for under the plan, and the category for "unsecured claims" is revised to provide for only "non-priority unsecured claims." Also, the value that the proponent estimates to be distributed to unsecured claims is revised to clarify that the estimate is limited to non-priority claims. The instruction to identify and briefly summarize priority and administrative claims that will not be paid on the effective date of the plan, to the extent permitted by the Bankruptcy Code, is eliminated because it is duplicative of the information requested in Articles 3 and 4.

In Article 2, *Classification of Claims and Interests*, section 2.01 is revised to clarify that the priority of claims is determined under section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and to provide for the classification of priority claims where necessary and appropriate. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(9)(B). Section 2.03 is revised to clarify that Class 3 "unsecured claims" are limited to "non-priority unsecured claims."

In Article 3, *Treatment of Administrative Expense Claims, Priority Tax Claims, and Quarterly and Court Fees*, the title and categories of claims have been revised to include all unclassified administrative and priority claims and all fees payable under 28 U.S.C. § 1930 for which the Bankruptcy Code specifies the treatment under the plan. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(9), (12). In the title, the reference to "United States Trustee fees" is changed to "Quarterly and Court Fees" to include all of the fees payable under 28 U.S.C. § 1930. Also, section 3.04 is revised to include all

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statutory fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a), and quarterly fees payable under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) and (7) after the effective date of the plan are moved to a new section 3.05.

Article 4, *Treatment of Claims and Interests Under the Plan*, is revised to conform to the changes made in sections 2.01 and 2.03 of the plan to classify priority claims, if applicable, and to distinguish the non-priority unsecured claims.

In Article 6, *Provisions for Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases*, references to the assumption of executory contracts and unexpired leases are expanded to include assignment, if applicable. Section 6.01 is revised to clarify that executory contracts and unexpired leases are assumed, and if applicable assigned, under section 6.01(a) and rejected under section 6.01(b) as of the effective date of the plan. Section 6.01(b) is revised to clarify that all executory contracts and unexpired leases that have been previously assumed, and if applicable assigned, or are the subject of a pending motion to assume, and if applicable assign, as of plan confirmation are also excluded from presumed rejection under the plan.

In Article 9, *Discharge*, the third option is revised to delete the reference to Rule 4007(c) and to clarify that corporations will not be discharged of debts to the extent specified in section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The caption block for the plan is formatted for a non-individual debtor. An individual chapter 11 debtor should use the caption block formatted for individual debtors, including a joint case involving more than one individual debtor, such as the caption found in Official Form B309I.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NOTES

2008 COMMITTEE NOTE

This form is new. It implements § 433 of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-8, 119 Stat. 23 (April 20, 2005). This form for a small business chapter 11 plan of reorganization may be used in cases where the debtor (whether an individual or an artificial entity) is a small business debtor under § 101(51D) of the Code. The form is intended to be used in conjunction with the small business chapter 11 disclosure statement form (Official Form 25B).

Because the type of debtor and the details of the proposed plan of reorganization may vary, the form is intended to provide an illustrative format, rather than a specific prescription for the language or content of a plan in any particular case. The form includes instructions and examples of the types of information needed to complete it.