

Committee Note

Form 101 is amended to eliminate language in former Part 1, Question 4, which asked for “any business names . . . you have used in the last 8 years.” Instead, Part 1, Question 2, is modified to add to the direction with respect to “other names you have used in the last 8 years” – which currently directs the debtor to “Include your married and maiden names” – to ask the debtor to include “any assumed, trade names, or *doing business as* names,” and to direct that the debtor should not include the names of separate legal entities that are not filing the petition. Many individual debtors erroneously believed that Question 4 was asking for the names of corporations or Limited Liability Corporations in which they held any interest in the past 8 years, and any names listed in response were then treated as additional debtors for purposes of noticing and reporting. By asking for the information in Question 2, the form now makes it clearer that the only names to be listed are names that were used by the debtor personally in conducting business, not names used by other legal entities. This amendment also conforms Form 101 to Forms 105, 201 and 205 with respect to the same information.