



**EXPLANATIONS**

**B9H (Official Form 9H) (12/12)**

<p>Filing of Chapter 12 Bankruptcy Case</p>	<p>A bankruptcy case under Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code (title 11, United States Code) has been filed in this court by the debtor listed on the front side, and an order for relief has been entered. Chapter 12 allows family farmers and family fishermen to adjust their debts pursuant to a plan. A plan is not effective unless confirmed by the court. You may object to confirmation of the plan and appear at the confirmation hearing. A copy or summary of the plan [is included with this notice] <i>or</i> [will be sent to you later], and [the confirmation hearing will be held on the date indicated on the front of this notice] <i>or</i> [you will be sent notice of the confirmation hearing]. The debtor will remain in possession of the debtor’s property and may continue to operate the debtor’s business unless the court orders otherwise.</p>
<p><b>Legal Advice</b></p>	<p>The staff of the bankruptcy clerk’s office cannot give legal advice. Consult a lawyer to determine your rights in this case.</p>
<p>Creditors Generally May Not Take Certain Actions</p>	<p>Prohibited collection actions against the debtor and certain codebtors are listed in Bankruptcy Code § 362 and § 1201. Common examples of prohibited actions include contacting the debtor by telephone, mail, or otherwise to demand repayment; taking actions to collect money or obtain property from the debtor; repossessing the debtor’s property; and starting or continuing lawsuits or foreclosures. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited in duration or not exist at all, although the debtor may have the right to request the court to extend or impose a stay.</p>
<p>Meeting of Creditors</p>	<p>A meeting of creditors is scheduled for the date, time, and location listed on the front side. <i>The debtor’s representative must be present at the meeting to be questioned under oath by the trustee and by creditors.</i> Creditors are welcome to attend, but are not required to do so. The meeting may be continued and concluded at a later date specified in a notice filed with the court.</p>
<p>Claims</p>	<p>A Proof of Claim is a signed statement describing a creditor’s claim. If a Proof of Claim form is not included with this notice, you can obtain one at any bankruptcy clerk’s office. A secured creditor retains rights in its collateral regardless of whether that creditor files a Proof of Claim. If you do not file a Proof of Claim by the “Deadline to File a Proof of Claim” listed on the front side, you might not be paid any money on your claim from other assets in the bankruptcy case. To be paid, you must file a Proof of Claim even if your claim is listed in the schedules filed by the debtor. Filing a Proof of Claim submits the creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a Proof of Claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial. <b>Filing Deadline for a Creditor with a Foreign Address:</b> The deadlines for filing claims set forth on the front of this notice apply to all creditors. If this notice has been mailed to a creditor at a foreign address, the creditor may file a motion requesting the court to extend the deadline. <i>Do not include this notice with any filing you make with the court.</i></p>
<p>Discharge of Debts</p>	<p>The debtor is seeking a discharge of most debts, which may include your debt. A discharge means that you may never try to collect the debt from the debtor. If you believe that a debt owed to you is not dischargeable under Bankruptcy Code § 523 (a) (2), (4), or (6), you must start a lawsuit by filing a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk’s office by the “Deadline to File a Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Certain Debts” listed on the front side. The bankruptcy clerk’s office must receive the complaint and any required filing fee by that Deadline.</p>
<p>Bankruptcy Clerk’s Office</p>	<p>Any paper that you file in this bankruptcy case should be filed at the bankruptcy clerk’s office at the address listed on the front side. You may inspect all papers filed, including the list of the debtor’s property and debts and the list of the property claimed as exempt, at the bankruptcy clerk’s office.</p>
<p>Creditor with a Foreign Address</p>	<p>Consult a lawyer familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions regarding your rights in this case.</p>
<p align="center">Refer To Other Side For Important Deadlines and Notices</p>	
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