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Subject: Recommended change of Bankruptcy form from BCAG

Good afternoon,

The Bankruptcy Clerks Advisory Group (BCAG) recommends that the Rules Committee consider edits, or alternatively, elimination of certain language to the Form B309 series of bankruptcy forms.

Each form B309 contains the following language:

Creditors with a foreign address

If you are a creditor receiving a notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.

In 2005, [Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002\(c\)](#) was amended to add subparagraph (6), giving the court discretion to extend the bar date for creditors with a foreign mailing address. In 2022, the rule was further amended to provide a single standard for granting motions regardless of whether the creditor has a foreign mailing address. It was suggested by a clerk of court, and the BCAG agrees, that the current language of the Form B309 series may suggest that creditors with a foreign address are provided special treatment, which is conflict with recent amendments to Rule 3002.

The BCAG discussed this at length and endorsed a recommendation to either edit the Form language as proposed below or eliminate it altogether as unnecessary and duplicative of the Rule. The proposed edit is as follows:

~~Creditors with a foreign address~~ **Extending Deadlines**

If you are a creditor, ~~receiving a notice mailed to a foreign address~~, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.

If you have any questions about this recommendation, please contact myself as Chair, or Tiffany Franc, the BCAG liaison from the Court Services Office.

Thanks,



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