

## LOCAL RULE 3015-3

### Chapter 13 Confirmation Requirements

The Court has determined that it is in the best interest of debtors in Chapter 13 proceedings to receive instructions as to their legal responsibilities. To that end, the Court has prepared a video presentation and written instructions to be reviewed by all Chapter 13 debtors prior to their confirmation hearings.

#### A. Duties of Debtors Counsel:

- ~~1. Video Presentation: Counsel for Chapter 13 debtor(s) shall have the Chapter 13 debtor(s) view the video Chapter 13 instructions prepared by the Court.~~
- ~~2. Written Instructions: Prior to the confirmation hearing, counsel for the Chapter 13 debtor(s) shall deliver the Court's written instructions to the Chapter 13 debtor(s), insure that they are read by or to the Chapter 13 debtor(s), then review them with the Chapter 13 debtor(s), and provide the Chapter 13 debtor(s) an opportunity to ask questions about the instructions of the Court.~~

B. Pro Se Debtors: If the debtor(s) are *pro se*, the Chapter 13 Trustee will provide said debtor(s) the written instructions at the conclusion of the debtor(s) section 341 meeting and guidance on obtaining both the DVD of the court's instructions and the "Affidavit of Debtor(s) Requesting Confirmation of Plan" (Form 3015-3A).

~~C. A. Certification to the Court: Prior to a debtor(s)' confirmation hearing or the entry of an initial confirmation order, counsel to Chapter 13 debtor(s) and all debtor(s) shall sign the "Affidavit of Debtor(s) Requesting Confirmation of Plan" (Form 3015-3A) to certify compliance with this rule and shall file it with the Clerk of Court and shall deliver a copy to the Chapter 13 Trustee.~~

B. Video Presentation: The Court has prepared a video presentation and written instructions for review by Chapter 13 debtors. Prior to filing an initial Chapter 13 plan, counsel for the Chapter 13 debtor(s) shall deliver the Court's written instructions to the Chapter 13 debtor(s), review them with the Chapter 13 debtor(s), and provide the Chapter 13 debtor(s) an opportunity to ask questions about the instructions of the Court. All Chapter 13 debtors are encouraged to view the video. However, in the Court's discretion, or upon written request of any party in interest, with good cause shown, the Court may direct a mandatory view of the video by any Chapter 13 debtor.