

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

**STANDING ORDER NO. 14.
PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF DISCHARGES IN
CHAPTER 13 CASES, AND IN CHAPTER 12 CASES
AND CHAPTER 11 CASES FILED IN RESPECT OF INDIVIDUALS**

WHEREAS the Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) requires a debtor to meet certain requirements before a discharge can be issued in a Chapter 13 case, or a Chapter 12 case or a Chapter 11 case filed in respect of an individual(s), including those set out at 11 U.S.C. §§ 1328, 1228, 1141 and 522(q), in accordance with which:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective as to any Chapter 13 case, or any Chapter 12 case or any Chapter 11 case filed in respect of an individual(s), pending before this Court on or after the date of this order, a debtor, in order to obtain a discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1328, 1228, or 1141 (as the case may be) shall file with the Clerk an Application for Entry of Discharge ("Application") on a court-approved form (available on the Court's website) which may be amended from time-to-time; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in Chapter 13 cases and in Chapter 12 cases in respect of an individual(s), a form of Application shall be provided to the debtor and the debtor's attorney by the Chapter 13 Trustee or the Chapter 12 Trustee (as the case may be) with the service of the Trustee's Final Account, together with a notice that the Application must be filed with Clerk within 21 days of the filing of the Trustee's Final Account in order for a discharge to enter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in Chapter 11 cases filed in respect of an individual(s), a form of Application shall be provided to the debtor by the debtor's attorney

(or, in *pro se* cases, by the Clerk's office) upon the filing with the Court of the Debtor's Motion for Entry of Final Decree, together with a notice that the Application must be filed with the Clerk within 21 days of the filing of the Debtor's Motion for Entry of Final Decree in order for a discharge to enter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon the filing of the Application the Clerk shall provide Notice to all interested parties that a discharge may enter without further notice unless an Objection to the Entry of a Discharge ("Objection") is filed with the Clerk and served upon the debtor and, in Chapter 13 and Chapter 12 cases, the Chapter 13 Trustee or the Chapter 12 Trustee (as the case may be) by a specified bar date. Such bar date shall be not less than 14 days after service of the Notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if no Objection is timely filed, and the debtor is otherwise eligible to receive a discharge, the Court may issue a discharge in the case. If an Objection is timely filed the Clerk shall schedule a hearing with notice thereof to the debtor, the objecting party and, in Chapter 13 and Chapter 12 cases, the Chapter 13 Trustee or the Chapter 12 Trustee (as the case may be); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notwithstanding the absence of a timely filed Objection, the Court, at any time, may schedule a hearing to consider entry of a discharge; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the debtor's failure to file the Application within 21 days of the filing of the Chapter 13 Trustee's or the Chapter 12 Trustee's Final Account or the Debtor's Motion for Entry of Final Decree (as the case may be) will result in a Notice that the case may be closed without a discharge. If, following notice and a hearing

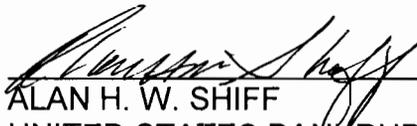
providing opportunity to file the Application, the Application is not filed, the case may be closed without entry of a discharge. To subsequently file the Application for a discharge, the debtor must first file a motion to reopen the case and pay the required filing fee, unless the fee is waived by the Court; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding the foregoing, if entry of discharge and/or a final decree (as the case may be) is sought in a Chapter 13 case, or in a Chapter 12 case or a Chapter 11 case in respect of an individual(s), prior to completion of plan payments, the Court may order such further, other and/or different procedures (not inconsistent with or precluded by applicable law) in respect of discharge as the court in its discretion may deem appropriate.



LORRAINE MURPHY WEIL
CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

December 17, 2010
Dated



ALAN H. W. SHIFF
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

December 17, 2010
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ALBERT S. DABROWSKI
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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