

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

**STANDING ORDER NO. 14
PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF CHAPTER 13 DISCHARGES**

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, including those set out at 11 U.S.C. §§ 1328 (a) and (h) and 522 (q), in accordance with which:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective as to any Chapter 13 case pending before this Court on or after the date of this order, a debtor, in order to obtain a discharge pursuant to § 1328, shall file with the Clerk an Application for Entry of Chapter 13 Discharge (“Application”) on a court-approved form (appended to these Procedures) which may be amended from time-to-time, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Application will be provided to the debtor and the debtor’s attorney by the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee with the service of the Trustee’s Final Account, with a notice that the Application must be filed with Clerk within 20 days of the filing of the Trustee’s Final Account in order for a Chapter 13 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 the Chapter 13 Trustee by a specified bar date (“Bar Date”). The Bar Date shall be not less than fourteen (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

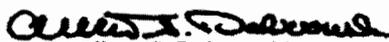
an Objection is timely filed the Clerk shall schedule a Hearing with notice thereof to the debtor, the objecting party and the Chapter 13 trustee, and

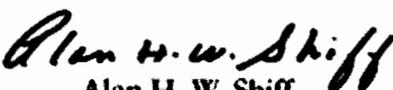
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notwithstanding the absence of a timely filed Objection, the Court, at any time, may schedule a hearing to consider entry of a discharge, and

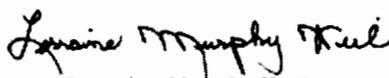
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the debtor's failure to file the Application within 20 days of the filing of the Chapter 13 Trustee's Final Account will result in a Deficiency Notice that the case may be closed without a discharge. If, following notice and a hearing providing opportunity to remedy the deficiency (file the Application), the deficiency remains, the case may be closed without entry of a discharge. To subsequently obtain a discharge, the debtor must file a motion to reopen the case and pay the required filing fee, unless the fee is waived by the Court.

Dated: June 22, 2009

BY THE COURT


Albert S. Dabrowski
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge


Alan H. W. Schiff
United States Bankruptcy Judge


Lorraine Murphy Weil
United States Bankruptcy Judge