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10:30 AM

8:18-14134 Lam Dang Nguyen

Chapter 13

#1.00 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case for Failure to Complete the Plan within its Terms

EH__

Docket 86

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Lam Dang Nguyen

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley
Michael Smith

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:19-12270 Wendie Lorraine Brigham

Chapter 13

#2.00 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case Due to Material Default of a Plan Provision

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Docket 121

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Wendie Lorraine Brigham

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley
Michael Smith

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:22-10082 Richard Brian Hobbs

Chapter 13

#3.00 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case for Failure to Make Plan Payments

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Docket 94

***** VACATED *** REASON: WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FILED
2/25/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Richard Brian Hobbs

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley
Michael Smith

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:22-10382 Mario Madrigal

Chapter 13

#4.00 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case for Failure to Make Plan Payments

EH__

Docket 68

***** VACATED *** REASON: WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FILED
1/29/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Mario Madrigal

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley
Michael Smith

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:22-11625 Tod S Matthews

Chapter 13

#5.00 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case for Failure to Make Plan Payments

EH__

[Tele. appr. Robert Chen, rep. Debtor]

Docket 53

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Tod S Matthews

Represented By
Julie J Villalobos

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:24-11341 Amir A. Mohebbi

Chapter 13

#6.00 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case Due to Material Default of a Plan Provision

EH__

Docket 31

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Amir A. Mohebbi

Represented By
Anerio V Altman

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:24-12304 Teresa Camarena

Chapter 13

#7.00 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case for Failure to Make Plan Payments

EH__

[Tele. appr. Anthony Mikhail, rep. Debtor]

Docket 42

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Teresa Camarena

Represented By
Rabin Pournazarian

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:24-13309 Paul Alan Leedy

Chapter 13

#8.00 Motion under Local Bankruptcy Rule 3015-1 (n) and (w) to Modify Plan or Suspend Plan Payments

EH__

[Tele. appr. Bert Briones, rep. Debtor]

Docket 88

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Paul Alan Leedy

Represented By
Bert Briones
Martina A Slocomb

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13062 Claudio Alberto Cortes and Carolina Nava Cortes

Chapter 13

#9.00 Motion for Order Disallowing Claim of Navy Federal Credit Union, Claim No. 7-1

EH__

[Tele. appr. Anthony B. Vigil, rep. Debtor]

Docket 24

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

BACKGROUND:

On October 31, 2025, Claudio & Carolina Cortes (collectively, "Debtors") filed a Chapter 13 voluntary petition. On December 17, 2025, Navy Federal Credit Union ("Creditor") filed a proofs of claim for two unsecured claims, one in the amount of \$14,623.9 ("Claim 7") and one in the amount of \$2,812.59 ("Claim 8"). On January 13, 2026, Creditor attempted to withdraw Claim 7 and Claim 8, but the withdrawals were not properly signed so a notice to filer was generated. On January 27, 2026, Debtors filed objections to Claim 7 and Claim 8 on the basis that they duplicated a separate claim, Claim 6. On February 2, 2026, Creditor filed properly executed withdrawals of Claim 7 and Claim 8.

APPLICABLE LAW:

Pursuant to FED. R. BANKR. P. Rule 3006(a)(1), a claim may not be withdrawn absent Court order after an objection to the claim has been filed.

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For the reasons stated in the objections and noting that Creditor has attempted to withdraw the subject claims, the Court is inclined to SUSTAIN the objections to Claim 7 and Claim 8, and disallow the claims in their entirety.

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within seven days. If oral or written opposition is presented at the hearing, the hearing may be continued.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Claudio Alberto Cortes

Represented By
Anthony B Vigil

Joint Debtor(s):

Carolina Nava Cortes

Represented By
Anthony B Vigil

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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#10.00 Motion for Order Disallowing Claim of Navy Federal Credit Union, Claim No. 8-1

EH__

[Tele. appr. Anthony B. Vigil, rep. Debtor]

Docket 25

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

BACKGROUND:

On October 31, 2025, Claudio & Carolina Cortes (collectively, "Debtors") filed a Chapter 13 voluntary petition. On December 17, 2025, Navy Federal Credit Union ("Creditor") filed a proofs of claim for two unsecured claims, one in the amount of \$14,623.9 ("Claim 7") and one in the amount of \$2,812.59 ("Claim 8"). On January 13, 2026, Creditor attempted to withdraw Claim 7 and Claim 8, but the withdrawals were not properly signed so a notice to filer was generated. On January 27, 2026, Debtors filed objections to Claim 7 and Claim 8 on the basis that they duplicated a separate claim, Claim 6. On February 2, 2026, Creditor filed properly executed withdrawals of Claim 7 and Claim 8.

APPLICABLE LAW:

Pursuant to FED. R. BANKR. P. Rule 3006(a)(1), a claim may not be withdrawn absent Court order after an objection to the claim has been filed.

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For the reasons stated in the objections and noting that Creditor has attempted to withdraw the subject claims, the Court is inclined to SUSTAIN the objections to Claim 7 and Claim 8, and disallow the claims in their entirety.

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within seven days. If oral or written opposition is presented at the hearing, the hearing may be continued.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Claudio Alberto Cortes

Represented By
Anthony B Vigil

Joint Debtor(s):

Carolina Nava Cortes

Represented By
Anthony B Vigil

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13112 Gino Sunny Gucciano

Chapter 13

#11.00 Motion to Vacate Dismissal

EH__

Docket 23

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Gino Sunny Gucciano

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13126 Nicole Anna Marquez

Chapter 13

#12.00 Motion to Set Aside Dismissal

EH__

[Tele. appr. Nicole Anna Marquez, Debtor]

Docket 49

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

BACKGROUND

On November 6, 2025, Nicole Marquez ("Debtor") filed a skeletal, *pro se* Chapter 13 voluntary petition. Debtor had previously had five cases summarily dismissed since 2020, including two cases summarily dismissed in the prior five months.

On November 12, 2025, Debtor filed a motion to impose the automatic stay. That motion was denied pursuant to hearing held on December 18, 2025. Debtor appealed. Debtor filed a motion for a stay pending appeal as well as another motion to impose the automatic stay, both of which were denied by order entered January 30, 2026.

On January 8, 2026, the Court held the initial confirmation hearing. For the reasons outlined in Trustee's objection to confirmation, the Court dismissed the case with a re-filing bar. As outlined in Trustee's objection, Debtor's case was deficient for many of the basic requirements of a Chapter 13 case --- including failure to appear at the meeting of creditors. Debtor also filed a substantially blank Chapter 13 plan and no notice or service was provided.

On February 3, 2026, Debtor filed a motion to set aside dismissal under FED. R. CIV. P. Rule 60(b)(1) & (6) (the "Motion"). The Court notes that a motion to vacate an order generally needs to be served on all affected parties. In the case of an order of dismissal, all creditors would be affected parties. Here, Debtor has only served the Motion on Trustee and two parties.

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On February 19, 2026, Trustee filed an objection. Trustee asserts that:

- (1) Debtor has failed to establish mistake or excusable neglect. Specifically, Trustee notes that Debtor has not provided an explanation as to how Debtor was not aware of the meeting of creditors despite notices being sent by the Court and Trustee.
- (2) Debtor's proposed Chapter 13 case appears futile because Debtor appears to be attempting to cure arrears on a property that has already been foreclosed on.
- (3) Debtor claims to be able to tender \$250,000 immediately but has not provided any evidence in support of the assertion. Additionally, Debtor has not provided a legally permissible plan regarding the remainder of the arrears.

DISCUSSION

The Court concurs with Trustee that Debtor has failed to adequately establish mistake or excusable neglect. Specifically, the Court notes that the dismissal of the case with a re-filing bar was based on the totality of the circumstances and a litany of specific factors:

- (1) Six prior bankruptcy filings with the five most recently filings having been summarily dismissed;
- (2) Failure to appear at the meeting of creditors;
- (3) Failure to make any plan payments;
- (4) Failure to provide tax returns;
- (5) Failure to materially complete the Chapter 13 plan, serve the plan, or provide a notice of confirmation hearing;
- (6) Failure to establish feasibility;
- (7) Failure to submit to Trustee a variety of required forms.

Additionally, the Court noted that the Chapter 13 plan appeared to have been filed for an impermissible or unavailable purpose.

Given these grounds for dismissal, Debtor's assertion that she was not aware of the meeting of creditors is entirely inadequate to demonstrate that the dismissal was due

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8:25-13540 Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, MD

Chapter 13

#13.00 Motion for Order to Convert the Case to Chapter 11, Subchapter V

EH__

Docket 17

***** VACATED *** REASON: CASE DISMISSED ON 2/20/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Virginia Ann Von Schaefer

Represented By
Omero Banuelos

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10113 Crescencio G Arenas, IV

Chapter 13

#14.00 Motion By United States Trustee To Dismiss Case Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. §§ 1307(c), 105(a), 109(g), And 349 With A 180-Day Bar To Refiling

EH__

Docket 14

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

BACKGROUND

On January 15, 2026, Crescencio Arenas ("Debtor") filed a pro se, skeletal Chapter 13 voluntary petition. Debtor has had previous Chapter 13 cases summarily dismissed on June 9, 2011, July 31, 2013, January 14, 2014, July 22, 2015, December 13, 2022, January 24, 2023, May 15, 2023, October 25, 2024, and February 18, 2025, and has previously been barred from filing for 180 days. Debtor did not file the balance of the case commencement documents by the filing deadline in this case, although Debtor did file: (a) a motion to extend the deadline to file case commencement documents; and (b) a motion to continue the automatic stay, both of which were denied.

On February 4, 2026, UST filed a motion to dismiss the case with a 180-day bar to refiling. UST notes that this is the sixth bankruptcy filing since November 22 and that Debtor has repeatedly failed to comply with the most basic requirements of being a debtor in bankruptcy.

DISCUSSION

While UST relies upon the factors articulated for a bad faith dismissal in *In re Leavitt*, 171 F.3d 1219 (9th Cir. 1999), the Court notes that the case commencement deficiencies notice and order to comply issued by the Court when the case was initiated provided Debtor with notice that the case may be dismissed if Debtor failed the timely file the case commencement documents. Debtor having failed to timely file

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the case commencement documents, dismissal of the case is warranted.

11 U.S.C. § 109(g)(1) provides:

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no individual or family farmer may be a debtor under this title who has been a debtor in a case pending under this title at any time in the preceding 180 days if –

(1) the case was dismissed by the court for willful failure of the debtor to abide by orders of the court, or to appear before the court in proper prosecution of the case

"Failure to file complete schedules is a willful failure to appear in proper prosecution of the case sufficient to dismiss with prejudice." *In re Nassar*, 216 B.R. 606, 608 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 1998).

Furthermore, the Court deems Debtor's failure to oppose to be consent to the relief requested under Local Rule 9013-1(h).

TENTATIVE RULING

The Court is inclined to GRANT the motion, DISMISSING the case with a 180-day bar to refile under 11 U.S.C. § 109(g)(1).

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Crescencio G Arenas IV

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:23-12752 Ryan Joseph Cuello

Chapter 13

#14.10 Trustee's Motion to Dismiss Case for Failure to Make Plan Payments

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Docket 38

***** VACATED *** REASON: WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FILED
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Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Ryan Joseph Cuello

Represented By
James G. Beirne

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-12289 Ramil Quiam Gonzales and Maria Perfecta Gonzales

Chapter 13

#15.00 CONT. Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

EH__

From: 11-20-25, 12-18-25, 1-8-26

Docket 38

***** VACATED *** REASON: CASE DISMISSED 2/9/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Ramil Quiam Gonzales

Represented By
Michael D Franco

Joint Debtor(s):

Maria Perfecta Gonzales

Represented By
Michael D Franco

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-12601 James Young Kim

Chapter 13

#16.00 CONT. Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

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From: 11-20-25, 1-29-26

[Tele. appr. Jennifer Wong, rep. Creditor BMO Bank N.A.]

Docket 54

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

James Young Kim

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-12940 Barry Kyle Wright

Chapter 13

#17.00 CONT. Confirmation Of Chapter 13 Plan

EH__

From: 12-18-25, 1-29-26

[Tele. appr. Porfirio Rodriguez rep. Debtor]

Docket 24

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Barry Kyle Wright

Represented By
Kevin Tang

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

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8:25-13280 Michael Gould

Chapter 13

#18.00 CONT. Confirmation Of Chapter 13 Plan

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From: 1-22-26

[Tele. appr. Angela Gill, rep. Debtor]

[Tele. appr. Nick Koffroth, rep. Creditor Balanced Bridge Funding, LLC]

Docket 33

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Michael Gould

Represented By
Michael Jay Berger

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13631 La Donna Greene

Chapter 13

#19.00 Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

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Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: CASE DISMISSED 1/16/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

La Donna Greene

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13636 Antonio Rashad McNeil

Chapter 13

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[Tele. appr. Jennifer Wong, rep. Creditor PNC Bank, N.A.]

Docket 21

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Antonio Rashad McNeil

Represented By
Jonathan D Doan

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13651 Jane H Hornback

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Docket 22

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jane H Hornback

Represented By
Jaime A Cuevas Jr.

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13664 Claricee Yoon

Chapter 13

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Docket 11

***** VACATED *** REASON: CASE DISMISSED ON 1/21/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Claricee Yoon

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13676 Eun H Ko

Chapter 13

#23.00 Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

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Docket 13

***** VACATED *** REASON: CASE CONVERTED TO CHAPTER 7 ON
2/10/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Eun H Ko

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10005 Oscar Daniel Mejia and Kristen Michelle Mejia

Chapter 13

#24.00 Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

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[Tele. appr. Robert Chen, rep. Debtor]

Docket 2

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Oscar Daniel Mejia

Represented By
Julie J Villalobos

Joint Debtor(s):

Kristen Michelle Mejia

Represented By
Julie J Villalobos

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10016 Vanessa Allison Tunks

Chapter 13

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[Tele. appr. Dane Exnowski, rep. Creditor U.S. Bank Trust N.A.]

[Tele. appr. Michael D. Franco, rep. Debtor]

Docket 15

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Vanessa Allison Tunks

Represented By
Michael D Franco

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10017 Krista D Moore

Chapter 13

#26.00 Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

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[Tele. appr. Michael D. Franco, rep. Debtor]

Docket 10

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Krista D Moore

Represented By
Michael D Franco

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10023 Peter Cruz

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Docket 18

***** VACATED *** REASON: CASE CONVERTED TO CHAPTER 7 ON
2/24/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Peter Cruz

Represented By
Dana M Douglas

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10030 William Christopher Lanning

Chapter 13

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[Tele. appr. Mark A. Pahor, rep. Debtor]

Docket 26

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

William Christopher Lanning

Represented By
Mark A Pahor

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10036 Emma Sofka

Chapter 13

#29.00 Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

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Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: CASE DISMISSED 1/27/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Emma Sofka

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10038 Jose Antonio Pacheco, Jr.

Chapter 13

#30.00 Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

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[Tele. appr. Jeffrey Speights, rep. Creditor Tustin Village Community Association]

Docket 11

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jose Antonio Pacheco Jr.

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley
Michael Smith

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

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8:26-10050 Marissa Panerio

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#31.00 Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan

EH__

Docket 4

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Marissa Panerio

Represented By
Daniel King

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13508 Richard Romero

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#31.10 CONT. Confirmation Of Chapter 13 Plan

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Docket 16

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Richard Romero

Represented By
David R Chase

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:23-10755 Maria Cecilia Dona

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#32.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 26792 Carretas Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

MOVANT: U.S. Bank Trust National Association

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[Tele. appr. Jennifer Wong, rep. Creditor U.S. Bank National Association]

Docket 73

Tentative Ruling:

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Service: Proper

Opposition: Debtor

Movant to apprise the Court of the status of arrears.

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Maria Cecilia Dona

Represented By
Michael G Spector

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

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8:24-11726 Martin Folch and Berenice Rodriguez

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#33.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations PERSONAL PROPERTY RE: 2022 GMC Yukon SLE Sport Utility 4D, VIN: 1GKS1AKD1NR350093

MOVANT: ALLY BANK

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[Tele. appr. Jennifer Wong, rep. Creditor Ally Bank]

Docket 71

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: None

Having reviewed the motion, service being proper, and no opposition having been filed, which the Court deems consent to the relief requested pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(2), the Court is inclined to:

- GRANT relief from stay pursuant to § 362(d)(1);
- DENY request for relief pursuant to § 362(d)(2) because Movant has not provided any evidence regarding the absence of equity in the subject property;
- GRANT waiver of Rule 4001(a)(3) stay;
- GRANT request under ¶ 2;
- DENY alternative request under ¶ 11 as moot.

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within seven days. If oral or written opposition is presented at the hearing, the hearing may be continued.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Martin Folch

Represented By

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Michael H Colmenares

Joint Debtor(s):

Berenice Rodriguez

Represented By

Michael H Colmenares

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:24-11961 Santana Bahena and Adriana Josefina Trujillo

Chapter 13

#34.00 CONT. Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 2516 West Lorena Drive, Anaheim, California 92804

MOVANT: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY

EH__

From: 1-8-26

Docket 53

***** VACATED *** REASON: ADEQUATE PROTECTION
AGREEMENT ENTERED ON 1/29/26**

Tentative Ruling:

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Santana Bahena

Represented By
Onyinye N Anyama

Joint Debtor(s):

Adriana Josefina Trujillo

Represented By
Onyinye N Anyama

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

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8:24-11961 Santana Bahena and Adriana Josefina Trujillo

Chapter 13

#35.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations PERSONAL PROPERTY RE: 2013 HYUNDAI SONATA VIN No.: 5NPEC4AB0DH769417

MOVANT: TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORPORATION

EH__

Docket 65

***** VACATED *** REASON: WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FILED
2/12/26**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Santana Bahena

Represented By
Onyinye N Anyama

Joint Debtor(s):

Adriana Josefina Trujillo

Represented By
Onyinye N Anyama

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:24-12571 Monte Ray Noble

Chapter 13

#36.00 CONT. Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 8868 Grant Cir, Buena Park, CA 90620-3811

MOVANT: BOKF, N.A. a national banking association d/b/a BOK Financial, as successor in interest by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., its assignees and/or successors, by and through its servicing agent BOKF, NA

EH__

From: 1-8-26

[Tele. appr. Makoto Shuttleworth, rep. Debtor]

[Tele. appr. Jennifer Wong, rep. Creditor BOKF, N.A.]

Docket 36

Tentative Ruling:

1/8/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: Debtor

Parties to apprise the Court of the status of adequate protection discussions, if any.

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Monte Ray Noble

Represented By
Steven A Alpert

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Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:24-12575 Judie Kay Brust

Chapter 13

#37.00 CONT. Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 12791 Sylvan St., Garden Grove, CA 92845

MOVANT: MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

EH__

From: 11-6-25, 12-18-25, 1-8-26

[Tele. appr. Wendy Locke, rep. Movant]

Docket 36

***** VACATED *** REASON: WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FILED
3/2/26**

Tentative Ruling:

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Judie Kay Brust

Represented By
Michael Smith

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:24-12980 John Joseph Stoffel and April Dawn Stoffel

Chapter 13

#38.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 10271 Kukui Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

MOVANT: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

EH__

[Tele. appr. Wendy Locke, rep. Movant]

Docket 55

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: None

Having reviewed the motion, service being proper, and no opposition having been filed, which the Court deems consent to the relief requested pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(2), the Court is inclined to:

- GRANT relief from stay pursuant to § 362(d)(1);
- GRANT waiver of Rule 4001(a)(3) stay;
- GRANT request under ¶¶ 2 and 3;
- DENY alternative request under ¶ 13 as moot.

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within seven days. If oral or written opposition is presented at the hearing, the hearing may be continued.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

John Joseph Stoffel

Represented By
Thomas E Brownfield

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Joint Debtor(s):

April Dawn Stoffel

Represented By
Thomas E Brownfield

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-12155 Charlene A. Aldana

Chapter 13

#39.00 CONT. Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 8621 Phlox Dr, Buena Park, CA 90620-2235

MOVANT: Newrez LLC DBA Shellpont Mortgage Servicing As Servicer for the the Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of the CWABS Inc., Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2005-16

EH__

From: 1-8-26

[Tele. appr. Patrick Kane, rep. Movant]

[Tele. appr. Donald Iwuchukwu, rep. Debtor]

Docket 45

Tentative Ruling:

1/8/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: Debtor

Movant to apprise the Court of the status of arrears, and parties to apprise the Court of the status of adequate protection discussions, if any.

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Charlene A. Aldana

Represented By
Donald Iwuchukwu

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Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-12823 Mikala Patricia Martin and Kyle Duane Allen Martin

Chapter 13

#40.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations PERSONAL PROPERTY RE: 2023 Volvo C90 B5 AWD Mild Hybrid Core VIN. No.: YV4L12PV6P1986837

MOVANT: VOLVO CAR FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

[Tele. appr. Garry Masterson, rep. Movant]

Docket 35

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: None

11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(1) provides: "If a lease of personal property is rejected or not timely assumed by the trustee under subsection (d), the leased property is no longer property of the estate and the stay under section 362(a) is automatically terminated."

Here, Debtors' amended plan [Dkt. No. 18] rejected the subject lease and the plan was confirmed by the Court on January 20, 2026. Therefore, the automatic stay having terminated as a matter of law, the Court is inclined to DENY the motion as moot.

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Mikala Patricia Martin

Represented By
David P Farrell

Joint Debtor(s):

Kyle Duane Allen Martin

Represented By
David P Farrell

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Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

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8:25-13540 Virginia Ann Von Schaefer, MD

Chapter 13

#41.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 30394 Via Estoril, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

MOVANT: CAM XI TRUST

EH__

[Tele. appr. Reilly Wilkinson, rep. Movant]

[Tele. appr. Omero Banuelos, rep. Debtor]

Docket 19

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: None

Having reviewed the motion, service being proper, and no opposition having been filed, which the Court deems consent to the relief requested pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(2), the Court is inclined to:

- GRANT relief from stay pursuant to § 362(d)(4) based on the filing of the petition being part of a scheme to delay, hinder, or defraud creditors involving multiple bankruptcy filings; and
- GRANT waiver of Rule 4001(a)(3) stay.

Additionally, the Court notes that Debtor had a prior bankruptcy case dismissed on February 18, 2025. Debtor not having filed a motion to continue the automatic stay in the instant, the automatic stay expired on January 17, 2026. Therefore, the automatic stay having expired under 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(A), the Court is inclined to deny the requests for relief under §§ 362(d)(1) & 1301(a), as well as the requests under ¶¶ 2

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and 13, as moot.

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The Court is inclined to deny the request under ¶ 14 as it appears to not request any separate relief.

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Virginia Ann Von Schaefer

Represented By
Omero Banuelos

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13577 Alicia Macias

Chapter 13

#42.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 1202 N Hastings St, Santa Ana, CA 92703

MOVANT: U.S. Bank Trust National Association

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[Tele. appr. Jennifer Wong, rep. Creditor U.S. Bank Trust N.A.]

[Tele. appr. Robert Chen, rep. Debtor]

Docket 28

Tentative Ruling:

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Service: Proper

Opposition: Debtor

The Court notes that Debtor had a prior bankruptcy case dismissed on September 10, 2025. Debtor filed a motion to continue the automatic stay, which was denied pursuant to Court order entered January 26, 2026. As a result, the automatic stay in this case expired on January 20, 2026. The automatic stay having expired under 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(A), the Court is inclined to deny the requests for relief under §§ 362(d)(1) & 1301(a), as well as the request under ¶ 2, as moot.

The Court is inclined to deny the request under ¶ 14 as it appears to not request any separate relief.

Regarding the *in rem* requests, the Court finds sufficient cause to grant relief pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(4) based on an unauthorized transfer of an interest in the subject property and multiple bankruptcy filings that the Court finds were part of a scheme to delay, hinder, or defraud creditors. The Court notes that there appear to have been 15 prior bankruptcy filings affecting the subject property since 2012. 13 of the 15 cases

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were summarily dismissed, with the exceptions being two cases filed by German Aldana Sanchez.

The Court notes that Debtor has started her legal argument by stating: "The party seeking relief --- here, Movant --- bears the burden on all issues, with the sole exception that the debtor bears the burden on the question of equity in property for purposes of § 362(d)(2)." This is incorrect and reverses the statutory burden placed on a movant and a debtor in relief from stay proceedings. Here, Debtor bears the full burden of proof on every issues before the Court.

The Court disagrees with Debtor that filings that occurred prior to her ownership interest cannot be considered part of the scheme required under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(4) ---- such a position would entirely eliminate the Court's ability to address hijacked bankruptcy filings. Additionally, it appears that 9 of the 15 bankruptcy filings --- all summarily dismissed --- were filed by either Debtor or her husband.

The Court additionally disagrees with Debtor's content that prior foreclosure rescissions "disprove fraudulent intent." First, the Court notes that fraudulent intent is not the required standard --- the Court must find a scheme "to delay, hinder, or defraud" the secured creditor. Second, this appears to be the fourth filing since the most recent foreclosure rescission.

Ultimately, the Court does not find Debtor's contention that there is no "no indicia of a § 362(d)(4) scheme" to be well taken in these circumstances, when there have been 15 prior bankruptcy filings, 13 of which were summarily dismissed. Debtor and her husband have filed numerous bankruptcy petitions over the years delaying enforcement actions by Movant. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above and the reasons set forth in the moving papers, the Court is inclined to find that Debtor has not satisfied her burden of proof, and:

-GRANT relief from stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(4) based on an unauthorized transfer of an interest in the subject property and multiple filings affecting the property that are part of a scheme to "delay, hinder, or defraud creditors"; and
-GRANT waiver of Rule 4001(a) stay.

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

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Debtor(s):

Alicia Macias

Represented By
Lionel E Giron

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10067 Cesar Vallarta

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#43.00 Notice of Motion and Motion in Individual Case for Order Imposing a Stay or Continuing the Automatic Stay as the Court Deems Appropriate 1049 Laguna Beach CA 92651

EH__

Docket 12

Tentative Ruling:

3/5/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: None

11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(B) requires that a hearing on a motion to continue the automatic stay be completed within 30 days of the petition date. Here, Debtor did not file the instant motion until the 30th day after the petition date, and he scheduled the hearing for 22 days later.

Therefore, the instant hearing being untimely pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(B), the Court is inclined to DENY the motion.

APPEARANCES REQUIRED.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Cesar Vallarta

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10122 Benjamin R Heston

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#44.00 Notice of motion and motion for relief from automatic stay with supporting declarations ACTION IN NON-BANKRUPTCY FORUM RE: Marriage of Lacey Wood and Benjamin Heston, Case No. 23D003127, Orange County Superior Court

MOVANT: BENJAMIN R. HESTON

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[Tele. appr. Halli Heston, rep. Debtor]

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Tentative Ruling:

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**Service: Proper
Opposition: None**

When considering a motion for relief from the automatic stay to continue litigation in another forum, the Court typically applies the *Curtis* factors. The *Curtis* factors are the following:

1. Whether the relief will result in a partial or complete resolution of the issues;
2. The lack of any connection with or interference with the bankruptcy case;
3. Whether the foreign proceeding involves the debtor as a fiduciary;
4. Whether a specialized tribunal has been established to hear the particular cause of action and whether that tribunal has the expertise to hear such cases;
5. Whether the debtor's insurance carrier has assumed full financial responsibility for defending the litigation;

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6. Whether the action essentially involves third parties, and the debtor functions only as a bailee or conduit for the goods or proceedings in question;
7. Whether the litigation in another forum would prejudice the interests of other creditors, the creditors' committee and other interested parties;
8. Whether the judgment claim arising from the foreign action is subject to equitable subordination under Section 510(c);
9. Whether movant's success in the foreign proceeding would result in a judicial lien avoidable by the debtor under Section 522(f);
10. The interests of judicial economy and the expeditious and economical determination of litigation for the parties;
11. Whether the foreign proceedings have progressed to the point where the parties are prepared for trial, and
12. The impact of the stay on the parties and the "balance of hurt,"

See, e.g., In re Advanced Med. Spa Inc., 2016 WL 6958130 at *4 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2016).

The district court has previously opined:

While the *Curtis* factors are widely used to determine the existence of "cause," not all of the factors are relevant in every case, nor is a court required to give each factor equal weight. According to the court in *Curtis*, "the most important factor in determining whether to grant relief from the automatic stay to permit litigation against the debtor in another forum is the effect of such litigation on the administration of the estate. Even slight interference with the administration may be enough to preclude relief in the absence of a commensurate benefit.

In re Roger, 539 B.R. 837, 845 (C.D. Cal. 2015) (quotations and citations omitted); *see also In re Advanced Med. Spa Inc.* at *4 ("In weighing the relevant factors, the bankruptcy court is not required to give equal weight to all factors. In fact, the balancing of potential harm to the creditor on the one hand and to the debtor and the bankruptcy estate on the other hand frequently is dispositive.").

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Here, Movant agrees that "the stay remains in effect with respect to enforcement of any judgment against the Debtor or property of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate." As such, relief from stay will not interfere with the administration of the bankruptcy estate.

Furthermore, 11 U.S.C. § 362(g) places the burden of proof on the party opposing the request for relief in this situation. Here, there being no opposition and Movant having made a *prima facie* showing of cause for relief from the automatic, the Court is inclined to:

- GRANT relief from stay pursuant to § 362(d)(1);
- GRANT request under ¶ 2.

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within seven days. If oral or written opposition is presented at the hearing, the hearing may be continued.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Benjamin R Heston

Represented By
Halli B Heston

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10164 Joshua J Park

Chapter 13

Adv#: 8:26-01008 Gaju Market Corporation et al v. Park et al

#45.00 Plaintiff's Motion for Remand for Lack of Jurisdiction in Light of Dismissal of Defendant's Main Bankruptcy Proceeding

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[Tele. appr. Sergio E. Molina, rep. Plaintiffs Gaju Market Corporation, Hyun Soon Rhee, David Rhee, Stephanie Rhee]

Docket 9

Tentative Ruling:

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BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2026, Joshua Park ("Debtor") filed a Chapter 13 voluntary petition. The next day, Debtor removed a state court complaint to this court. The removed complaint listed Debtor and eight different businesses as defendants and Gaju Market Corporation, Hyun Soon Rhee, David Rhee & Stephanie Rhee as plaintiffs (collectively, "Plaintiffs"). The removed complaint included nine state law causes of action: (1) intentional misrepresentation; (2) negligent misrepresentation; (3) conversion; (4) concealment; (5) breach of Kalo Avrio operating agreement; (6) breach of fiduciary duties; (7) failure to allow inspect of records in violation of CORP. CODE § 17704.10; (8) declaratory relief; (9) receipt of stolen property in violation of PENAL CODE § 496.

On February 9, 2026, Debtor's bankruptcy case was dismissed. On February 13, 2026, Plaintiffs filed a motion to remand the adversary proceeding back to state court.

DISCUSSION

The Court notes that generally, dismissal of the main bankruptcy case results in dismissal of related adversary proceedings, but the Court has discretion to retain

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jurisdiction. *See, e.g., In re Porges*, 44 F.3d 159-162,63 (2nd Cir. 1995); *see also In re Carraher*, 971 F.2d 327, 328 (9th Cir. 1992) ("the court must consider economy, convenience, fairness and comity"); *In re Smith*, 866 F.2d 576, 580 (3rd Cir. 1989) (general rule is that jurisdiction is lost when the underlying bankruptcy is dismissed).

Additionally, the Court notes that while Debtor has participated in the completion of the status report, he did not file an opposition to the instant motion. Therefore, the Court deems the failure to oppose to be consent to the relief requested under Local Rule 9013-1(h).

For the reasons set forth above, and for the reasons set forth in the moving papers, the Court is inclined to GRANT the motion and REMAND the case.

APPEARANCES WAIVED. Movant to lodge order within seven days. If oral or written opposition is presented at the hearing, the hearing may be continued.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Joshua J Park

Represented By
Yoon O Ham

Defendant(s):

Kreation Enterprise Corp.

Pro Se

Kalo Avrio, LLC

Pro Se

Phrosune Capital Management, LLC

Pro Se

Wemeno Company, LLC

Pro Se

Crea Enterprise Corp.

Pro Se

Belle Beauty, LLC

Pro Se

Belle Park

Pro Se

Sr Hair Society Inc.

Pro Se

Joshua J Park

Represented By
Yoon O Ham

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Plaintiff(s):

Hyun Soon Rhee

Represented By
Lauren E. Wertheimer

David Rhee

Represented By
Lauren E. Wertheimer

Stephanie Rhee

Represented By
Lauren E. Wertheimer

Gaju Market Corporation

Represented By
Lauren E. Wertheimer

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

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8:26-10164 Joshua J Park

Chapter 13

Adv#: 8:26-01008 Gaju Market Corporation et al v. Park et al

#46.00 Status Conference re Notice of Removal by Gaju Market Corporation. Nature of Suit: (14 (Recovery of money/property - other)),(62 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud))

EH__

[Tele. appr. Charlie Y. Wang, rep. Plaintiffs Gaju Market Corporation, Hyun Soon Rhee, David Rhee, Stephanie Rhee]

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Joshua J Park

Represented By
Yoon O Ham

Defendant(s):

Joshua J Park

Represented By
Yoon O Ham

Kreation Enterprise Corp.

Pro Se

Kalo Avrio, LLC

Pro Se

Phrosune Capital Management, LLC

Pro Se

Wemeno Company, LLC

Pro Se

Crea Enterprise Corp.

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Belle Beauty, LLC

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Belle Park

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Sr Hair Society Inc.

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Plaintiff(s):

Gaju Market Corporation

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Hyun Soon Rhee

Pro Se

David Rhee

Pro Se

Stephanie Rhee

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

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#47.00 CONT. Notice of motion and motion for relief from the automatic stay with supporting declarations REAL PROPERTY RE: 1336-1336 1/2 Knott Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92804

MOVANT: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY

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From: 2-19-26

[Tele. appr. Wendy Locke, rep. Movant]

[Tele. appr. Krystina T. Tran, rep. Debtor]

Docket 27

Tentative Ruling:

2/19/2026

Service: Proper

Opposition: None

Having reviewed the motion, service being proper, no opposition having been filed, and good cause appearing, the Court is inclined to:

- GRANT relief from stay pursuant to § 362(d)(1);
- GRANT waiver of Rule 4001(a)(3) stay;
- GRANT requests under ¶¶ 2, 3; 9;
- DENY request ¶ 6 as no co-debtor was served;
- GRANT request under ¶ 10(b), effective upon recording; and
- GRANT, in the alternative, ¶ 14 finding there is no stay in effect pursuant to § 362(c)(4).

APPEARANCES REQUIRED

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Alfred Castro

Represented By
Krystina T Tran

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