

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Central District of California
Los Angeles
Neil Bason, Presiding
Courtroom 1545 Calendar**

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Hearing Room 1545

9:00 AM

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example, the judge can ask a question or anyone else can make an objection;
(d) if the judge does not see that you want to speak, or forgets to call on you,
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Docket 0

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

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#1.00 Hrg re: Motion for Order Confirming that the Automatic Stay Did Not Take Effect

Docket 12

Tentative Ruling:

Subject to any opposition at or before the hearing, grant in part and continue in part to 6/2/26 at 10:00 a.m., as set forth below. Appearances required.

Option for shortened time: This Court has selected a continued hearing date that contemplates shortened notice (per Rule 9006) but that date is conditioned on the movant serving all papers on *the day after the current hearing date*. Alternatively, the movant may self-calendar a continued hearing on *regular* notice.

Option for interim/partial order: Movant may elect to lodge a proposed order granting the *partial* relief provided in this tentative ruling, but any such order must recite that a continued hearing has been set to consider additional relief (or, alternatively, that Movant no longer seeks additional relief and the Clerk's office is requested and directed to take the continued hearing off calendar).

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

The automatic stay never arose in this bankruptcy case

Grant the motion under 11 U.S.C. 362(c)(4)(A)(i) and (ii): the automatic stay never arose in this bankruptcy case because (a) Debtor's first

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prior case (#2:26-bk-12139-NB) was dismissed (on 3/24/26) and his second prior case (#2:26-bk-1337-NB) was also dismissed (on 4/28/26); (b) both dismissals occurred within one year before this case was filed (on 5/11/26) and neither dismissal was under 11 U.S.C. 707(b); and (c) no finding of good faith has been obtained. The result is that the automatic stay never arose in this bankruptcy case.

In the alternative and in addition, the tentative ruling is to grant relief from the automatic stay as follows.

Note regarding mootness: As provided in the posted "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at www.cacb.uscourts.gov), the tentative ruling is that a motion for relief from the automatic stay is not mooted even when the tentative ruling is that the stay no longer exists, for the following reasons:

a. Multiple, alternative grounds for relief should all be reached.

When a motion seeks the same relief on multiple alternative grounds, all of those grounds usually should be ruled on because a tentative or final ruling on any one ground might be reversed or altered later on. For example, movants often seek a ruling that the automatic stay does not prevent them from pursuing their remedies both (i) because the stay does not apply (*e.g.*, after dismissal of the bankruptcy case, per 11 U.S.C. §§ 349(b)(3), 362(c)) and alternatively (ii) because relief from the stay is appropriate (under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)). If the first ground later turns out to be reversed or altered (*e.g.*, if a dismissal is vacated), the movant would be prejudiced if this Court had refused to reach the movant's alternative argument that the stay should be lifted. *See also, e.g., In re Krueger*, 88 B.R. 238, 241-42 (9th Cir. BAP 1988) (notwithstanding dismissal, stay held to continue due to lack of proper notice re dismissal).

b. Annulment, *in rem* relief, etc. Some matters always remain relevant, notwithstanding dismissal, closing of a case, or other grounds on which the stay might not currently exist.

See In re Aheong, 276 B.R. 233 (9th Cir. BAP 2002).

For the foregoing reasons, the tentative ruling is that it is appropriate to address the following issues.

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Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1), (d)(2), and (d)(4).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

Relief notwithstanding future bankruptcy cases

As to the requested relief that will remain effective notwithstanding any future bankruptcy case, continue the motion to the date and time set forth at the start of this tentative ruling, for service on Shawnta Denise Beatty, who is one of the persons who executed the documents through which the movant asserts its interest in the property (*i.e.*, Ms. Beatty is one of the original borrowers; Debtor is the other original borrower). (This Court notes that the motion was served upon Debtor but not upon Ms. Beatty.) Reasons: See LBR 4001-1(c)(1)(B). In addition, Judge Bason has due process concerns about granting such relief without service on the person(s) whose interests may be most directly affected. See *generally Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306 (1950) (due process generally).

Effective date of relief

Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

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