

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Central District of California  
Santa Ana  
Scott Clarkson, Presiding  
Courtroom 5C Calendar**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Hearing Room 5C

9:30 AM

**8:24-11368 Daeyoung Victor Kang**

**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 8:24-01119 Choi v. Kang

**#1.00**

TRIAL RE: Complaint For:

(1) Denial Of Discharge Of Debt Under: (a) Violation Of 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A); (b) Violation Of 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(4); (c) Violation Of 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(6); And

(2) Determination Of Non-Dischargeability Under: (a) Violation of 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(4)(A); (b) Violation Of 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(5); (c) Violation Of 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(2)

(Complaint filed 8/30/2024)

**[Case Reassigned From TA 5/12/2025]**

(PTC Set at S/C held 11/14/2024)

(Trial set at PTC held 3/3/2026]

FR: 11-14-25; 10-2-25; 11-18-25; 1-27-26; 3-3-26

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

Tentative for 5/12/26:

Personal appearances are required in Courtroom 5C.

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Tentative for 3/3/26:

This adversary proceeding includes both claims under 11 U.S.C. § 523 and objections to discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727. Plaintiff's February 17, 2026 Unilateral Proposed Pretrial Stipulation [Dk. 33] sufficiently identifies the claims at issue, the elements Plaintiff intends to prove, and the evidence to be offered. Given the age of the case and prior continuances, the Court will approve the filing as a unilateral pretrial statement and proceed to set the matter for trial. The Complaint and Answer continue to frame all disputed issues not expressly admitted therein.

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The Remedies section at pg. 22/32 references Plaintiff's intent to "return to state court" to litigate damages. At the continued pre-trial conference, Plaintiff shall clarify whether he seeks (i) liquidation of damages in this adversary proceeding, or (ii) a determination of nondischargeability only, with damages to be determined elsewhere.

The Court has the following dates available for trial:

May 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.  
June 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual appearances are required.

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Tentative for 1/27/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to March 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., with a complaint proposed pretrial stipulation due by no later than February 17, 2026.

Although Plaintiff has filed a unilateral proposed pretrial stipulation, it does not comply with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1 or this Court's Pre-Trial Stipulation Instructions (available on the Court's website), including the requirements to identify contested and uncontested facts, provide element-by-element analysis of the claims and defenses, and reflect the parties' respective positions. In addition, the document characterizes numerous disputed matters as "not contested," notwithstanding Defendant's denials in the Answer. Accordingly, the Court declines to approve Plaintiff's unilateral submission and instead directs the parties to prepare and submit a compliant joint pretrial stipulation by no later than February 17, 2026.

Appearances for the 1/27 hearing are excused.

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Tentative for 11/18/25:

Appearances required.

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As of the posting of this tentative, the docket does not reflect the filing of a joint pretrial stipulation which was required by no later than 14 days in advance pursuant to LBR 7016-1 and an order entered August 4, 2025 [Dk. 19], or other compliance with applicable local rules. Accordingly, the Court is inclined to continue this matter to January 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at which time the parties shall also appear and show cause why this matter should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution, or alternatively, why the parties should not each be sanctioned \$500.00 for their failure to comply with the rules and this Court's orders.

Responses to the order to show cause must be filed by no later than 14 days prior to the hearing. If no timely responses are filed, the Court will dismiss the adversary without further notice or hearing.

Virtual appearances are required.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Daeyoung Victor Kang

Represented By  
Dale J Park

**Defendant(s):**

Daeyoung Victor Kang

Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):**

Youngmook Choi

Represented By  
Michael H Yi

**Trustee(s):**

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Pro Se