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Docket 0

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

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1:25-11955 Kimberly Ann Sanchez

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#1.00 Motion in Individual Case for Order Imposing a Stay or
Continuing the Automatic Stay as the Court Deems Appropriate

fr. 12/18/25

Docket 17

Tentative Ruling:

In accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(B), the debtor must demonstrate that the filing of this case is in good faith. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(C), a presumption has arisen that this case was not filed in good faith; this presumption may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

Because the debtor has not rebutted the presumption, by clear and convincing evidence to the contrary, that this chapter 13 case was filed not in good faith, the Court will deny the motion.

In July 2025, the debtor filed a chapter 13 petition *pro se*, initiating case no. 1:25-bk-11298-VK (the "Prior Case"). On October 14, 2025, the Court dismissed the Prior Case at the confirmation hearing. *See* Prior Case, doc. 25.

On October 20, 2025, the debtor filed another chapter 13 petition *pro se*, initiating the pending case. In her schedule A/B, the debtor represents that she has an interest in a condominium located at 6938 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Unit 310, North Hollywood, California (the "Property"), with an alleged value of \$500,000. The chapter 13 petition identifies the Property to be the debtor's residence.

In November 2025, Laurel Bliss Condominium HOA ("LBC") filed proof of claim no. 1-1, asserting a secured claim against the estate in the amount of \$22,406.63. According to LBC, its claim is based on delinquent HOA dues. LBC further represents that its claim is secured by virtue of a lien on the Property.

In December 2025, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMTP Trust, Series 2019-C ("U.S. Bank ") filed proof of

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claim no. 4-1, asserting a secured claim against the estate in the amount of \$303,616.93, including prepetition arrears in the amount of \$25,900.79. According to U.S. Bank, the basis for its claim is a deed of trust recorded against the Property. U.S. Bank's claim is being serviced by Rushmore Servicing.

The debtor's schedule I represents that she receives a total income of \$700 per month, from her employment as a special needs tutor. The debtor further represents that she is looking for a higher paying job and potentially looking to rent the Property out. Schedule I [doc. 1]. In her schedule J, the debtor provides for, among other expenses, making deed of trust payments in the amount of \$1,317.33 per month and homeowner's association or condominium dues in the amount of \$525 per month. Taking into account the debtor's total monthly expenses of \$2,567.33, debtor has a net income of -\$1,867.33 per month.

The debtor's chapter 13 plan, filed on October 29, 2025 (the "Initial Plan") [doc. 15], provides for payments in the amount of \$700 per month for months 1 through 60, for a total of \$42,000. With respect to U.S. Bank's claim, the debtor proposed to: (1) pay prepetition arrears of \$18,844.80 through the Initial Plan; and (2) maintain and make the current contractual installment payments, with the chapter 13 trustee as the postpetition disbursing agent. *See* Section II.B of the Plan, p. 6. As concerns LBC's claim, the debtor proposed to: (1) pay prepetition arrears of \$18,851.65 through the Initial Plan; and (2) maintain and make the current contractual installment payments, with the chapter 13 trustee as the postpetition disbursing agent. *See id.*, p. 8.

U.S. Bank has filed an objection to the Initial Plan [doc. 16]. In that objection, U.S. Bank represents that the estimated arrearage on its secured claim is \$26,346.79. U.S. Bank notes that, to cure the prepetition arrears owed to it over 60 months, the debtor would have to increase her plan payments by at least \$125.03 per month. Moreover, U.S. Bank asserts that the debtor's monthly net income of \$0 is insufficient to fund the Initial Plan.

LBC has also filed an objection to the Initial Plan [doc. 21]. In that objection, LBC contends that the arrearage on its secured claim is \$22,406.63. LBC further objects to the Plan to the extent that it calls for the reduction or waiver of its claim. In addition, LBC asserts that the debtor has not paid her November 2025 postpetition HOA payment.

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On December 19, 2025, the Court entered its *Order Granting on an Interim Basis and Continuing Hearing on Motion for Order Imposing a Stay or Continuing the Automatic Stay* (the "Order") [doc. 22]. The Order provides, in relevant part:

No later than **January 6, 2026**, the debtor must serve written notice of the continued hearing and the deadline to file a response 14 days prior thereto on U.S. Bank National Association and Laurel Bliss Condominium HOA...

The debtor must timely pay: (1) to U.S. Bank National Association, her monthly deed of trust payment for November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 in the amount of \$1,317.33 (as stated in her schedule J) as to the real property located at 6938 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Unit # 310, North Hollywood, CA; (2) to Laurel Bliss Condominium HOA, her HOA monthly fees for November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 in the amount of \$545.00; and (3) her November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 plan payments in the amount of \$700.00, as stated in the debtor's proposed chapter 13 plan [doc. 14].

No later than January 29, 2026, the debtor must file a declaration and supporting documentary evidence which demonstrates that she timely made her required postpetition deed of trust, HOA and chapter 13 plan payments.

Order, pp. 2, 3. To date, the debtor has not provided written notice of the continued hearing and the deadline to file a response 14 days prior thereto on U.S. Bank and LBC.

On January 13, 2026, the debtor filed a *Substitution of Attorney*, substituting attorney Michael D. Kwasigroch in place of the debtor [doc. 24]. The same day, the debtor filed the *Declaration of Michael D Kwasigroch Regarding Retention by the Debtor and Amended Plan Pending to Sell Residence and Pay All Creditors in Full, 100% Plan* (the "Kwasigroch Decl.") [doc. 25]. In his declaration, Mr. Kwasigroch states, in part:

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I have prepared a first amended plan for the debtors [sic] signature as she is selling her residence, and even has an offer for \$480,000 which is pending, and under review by the debtor.

This first amended plan resolves all issues as it pays all creditors in full.

I have not received the signature of the debtor yet but upon receiving it I will file and serve the plan.

A copy of the proposed plan is attached.

Kwasigroch Decl., ¶¶ 2-5. The proposed plan attached to the Kwasigroch Decl. (the "Amended Plan") provides for payments in the amount of \$0 per month for months 1 through 2 and payments of \$100 per month for months 3 through 60, for a total of \$5,800.00. The Amended Plan provides that "the house to be sold, all creditors paid in full through the sale[.]" Section II.B of the Amended Plan, p. 6. The Amended Plan does not otherwise provide for the claims of U.S. Bank and LBC.

At the confirmation hearing on January 13, 2026, Mr. Kwasigroch represented to the Court that the debtor intended to file a motion to sell the Property.

As of February 2, 2026, the debtor has not filed a motion to sell the Property. In addition, contrary to the Order, the debtor has not filed a declaration and supporting documentary evidence which demonstrates that she timely made her required postpetition deed of trust, HOA and chapter 13 plan payments.

In light of the foregoing and having assessed the representations made in the debtor's schedules and the objections to confirmation filed by U.S. Bank and LBC, the debtor has not credibly demonstrated that this case will conclude with a confirmed chapter 13 plan that will be fully performed.

The Court will prepare the order.

12/18/2025 Ruling

The Court will grant the *Motion in Individual Case for Order Imposing a Stay or*

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Continuing the Automatic Stay as the Court Deems Appropriate [doc. 17] as to all creditors on an interim basis up to the date of the continued hearing. The Court will continue this hearing to **9:30 a.m. on February 5, 2026.**

No later than **January 6, 2026**, the debtor must serve written notice of the continued hearing and the deadline to file a response 14 days prior thereto on U.S. Bank National Association and Laurel Bliss Condominium HOA using the following addresses:

U.S. Bank National Association
c/o Rushmore Servicing
PO Box 619096
Dallas, TX 75261

Laurel Bliss Condominium HOA
c/o Infinity Property Services
27202 Turnberry Lane, Ste 210
Valencia, CA 91355

The debtor must timely pay: (1) to U.S. Bank National Association, her monthly deed of trust payment for November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 in the amount of \$1,317.33 (as stated in her schedule J) as to the real property located at 6938 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Unit #310, North Hollywood, CA; (2) to Laurel Bliss Condominium HOA, her HOA monthly fees for November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 in the amount of \$545.00; and (3) her November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 plan payments in the amount of \$700.00, as stated in the debtor's proposed chapter 13 plan [doc. 14].

No later than January 29, 2026, the debtor must file a declaration and supporting documentary evidence which demonstrates that she timely made her required postpetition deed of trust, HOA and chapter 13 plan payments.

The Court strongly advises the debtor to consult with and engage qualified bankruptcy counsel to represent the debtor in this case. Information about locating qualified counsel is available on the Court's website at:
https://www.cacb.uscourts.gov/sites/cacb/files/documents/judges/instructions/VK_Ne

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The Court will prepare the order.

Note: No response has been filed. Accordingly, no court appearance by movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and movant will be so notified.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Kimberly Ann Sanchez	Pro Se
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Trustee(s):

Elizabeth (SV) F Rojas (TR)	Pro Se
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1:25-12065 Coby Erik Brainard

Chapter 7

#2.00 Motion for relief from stay [PP]

EAGLE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION
VS
DEBTOR

Docket 16

Tentative Ruling:

The Court will terminate the automatic stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 362(d)(1) and (d)(2).

Movant (and any successors or assigns) may proceed under applicable nonbankruptcy law to enforce its remedies to repossess and sell the property.

The 14-day stay prescribed by FRBP 4001(a)(3) is waived.

Any other request for relief is denied.

Movant must submit the order within seven (7) days.

Note: No response has been filed. Accordingly, no court appearance by movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and movant will be so notified.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Coby Erik Brainard

Represented By
Mark J Markus

Movant(s):

Eagle Community Credit Union

Represented By
Alana B Anaya

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Trustee(s):

Nancy J Zamora (TR)

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1:25-11396 Jared Dean Smith

Chapter 7

#3.00 Motion for relief from stay [PP]

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
VS
DEBTOR

Docket 79

Tentative Ruling:

Grant relief from stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 362(d)(1) and (d)(2).

Movant (and any successors or assigns) may proceed under applicable nonbankruptcy law to enforce its remedies to repossess and sell the property.

The 14-day stay prescribed by FRBP 4001(a)(3) is waived.

Movant must submit the order within seven (7) days.

Note: No response has been filed. Accordingly, no court appearance by movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and movant will be so notified.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jared Dean Smith

Represented By
Michael Jay Berger

Movant(s):

Bank of America, N.A.

Represented By
Kirsten Martinez

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Trustee(s):

Sandra McBeth (TR)

Represented By
Samuel Mushegh Boyamian

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1:25-11920 Erika Maricela Manzano Flores

Chapter 7

#4.00 Motion for relief from stay [PP]

TOYOTA LEASE TRUST
VS
DEBTOR

Docket 15

*** VACATED *** REASON: Motion withdrawn 1/14/26

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Erika Maricela Manzano Flores

Represented By
Sydell B Connor

Movant(s):

Toyota Lease Trust as serviced by

Represented By
Kirsten Martinez

Trustee(s):

David Keith Gottlieb (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-12350 Emma Arutiunian

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#5.00 Motion for relief from stay [PP]

VW CREDIT, INC.
VS
DEBTOR

Docket 11

Tentative Ruling:

Grant relief from stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1).

Movant (and any successors or assigns) may proceed under applicable nonbankruptcy law to enforce its remedies to repossess and sell the property.

The 14-day stay prescribed by FRBP 4001(a)(3) is waived.

Movant must submit the order within seven (7) days.

Note: No response has been filed. Accordingly, no court appearance by movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and movant will be so notified.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Emma Arutiunian

Pro Se

Movant(s):

VW Credit, Inc.

Represented By
Kirsten Martinez

Trustee(s):

Sandra McBeth (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-12051 Catherine Izadpanahi

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#6.00 Motion for relief from stay [PP]

TOYOTA LEASE TRUST
VS
DEBTOR

Docket 31

Tentative Ruling:

Grant relief from stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1).

Movant (and any successors or assigns) may proceed under applicable nonbankruptcy law to enforce its remedies to repossess and sell the property.

The 14-day stay prescribed by FRBP 4001(a)(3) is waived.

Movant must submit the order within seven (7) days.

Note: No response has been filed. Accordingly, no court appearance by movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and movant will be so notified.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Catherine Izadpanahi

Represented By
Matthew Abbasi

Movant(s):

Toyota Lease Trust as serviced by

Represented By
Kirsten Martinez

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Trustee(s):

Nancy J Zamora (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-10284 Paul Ira Polesovsky

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#7.00 Motion for relief from stay [RP]

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS
DEBTOR

Docket 106

*** VACATED *** REASON: No chambers copy of motion provided.
Motion is not on calendar.

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Paul Ira Polesovsky

Represented By
Michael R Totaro
Maureen J Shanahan

Movant(s):

U.S. Bank Trust National

Represented By
Shannon A Doyle

Trustee(s):

Nancy J Zamora (TR)

Pro Se

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1:22-10460 Rosalba Gutierrez

Chapter 13

#8.00 Motion for relief from stay [RP]

U.S. BANK NA
VS
DEBTOR

Docket 51

***** VACATED *** REASON: Motion is not in compliance with Local
Bankruptcy Rule 5005-2(d)(1). Motion is OFF CALENDAR.**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Rosalba Gutierrez

Represented By
Juanita V Miller

Movant(s):

U.S. Bank NA, Successor Trustee to

Represented By
Asaph Abrams

Trustee(s):

Elizabeth (SV) F Rojas (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-10605 Manuel Diaz and Griselda Diaz

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#9.00 Motion for relief from stay [RP]

BANK OF AMERICA N.A.
VS
DEBTOR

Stipulation for adequate protection filed 2/3/26

Docket 36

***** VACATED *** REASON: Order approving APO entered 2/3/26.
[Dkt.42]**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Manuel Diaz

Represented By
Jaime A Cuevas Jr.

Joint Debtor(s):

Griselda Diaz

Represented By
Jaime A Cuevas Jr.

Trustee(s):

Elizabeth (SV) F Rojas (TR)

Pro Se

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1:26-10013 Flor Alba Rodriguez-Rodriguez

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#10.00 Motion in Individual Case for Order Imposing a Stay or
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Docket 14

Tentative Ruling:

The Court will grant the motion on an interim basis up to the date of the continued hearing. The Court will continue this hearing to **9:30 a.m. on March 19, 2026**.

No later than February 12, 2026, the debtor must file and serve written notice of the continued hearing and the deadline to file and serve a response 14 days prior thereto on all creditors.

The debtor must timely pay: (1) to Royal Pacific Funding Corporation, her deed of trust payments for February and March 2026 in the amount of \$2,311.00 (as stated in her schedule J), as to the real property located at 9831 Sepulveda Blvd., Unit 26, North Hills, CA 91343 (the "Property"); (2) to Sepulveda/Lassen HOA, any homeowner's association payments that come due during the period of January 6, 2026 through March 16, 2026, in the amount of \$499.00 (as stated in her schedule J), as to the Property; (3) to CarMax Auto Finance, any payments that come due during the period of January 6, 2026 through March 16, 2026, as to the 2018 Ford Fusion; (4) to CarMax Auto Finance, any payments that come due during the period of January 6, 2026 through March 16, 2026, as to the 2019 Kia Altima; and (5) her February and March 2026 plan payments in the amount of \$420.00, as stated in the debtor's proposed chapter 13 plan [doc. 9].

No later than March 16, 2026, the debtor must file a declaration and supporting documentary evidence which demonstrates that she timely made her required postpetition deed of trust, HOA, vehicle and chapter 13 plan payments.

Finally, the debtor represents that the Property is currently listed for sale. **No later than March 16, 2026**, the debtor must file and serve on all secured creditors declarations of the debtor and the debtor's realtor which discuss the efforts made on and after January 6, 2026 to market and sell the Property, expressed interest of any

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potential buyers in the purchase of the Property, including any offers made to purchase the Property, and any progress made with respect to that sale. The declarations must be supported by documentary evidence.

The debtor must submit an order within seven (7) days.

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Debtor(s):

Flor Alba Rodriguez-Rodriguez

Represented By
Onyinye N Anyama

Movant(s):

Flor Alba Rodriguez-Rodriguez

Represented By
Onyinye N Anyama

Trustee(s):

Elizabeth (SV) F Rojas (TR)

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1:22-11453 Livio Ernesto Gomez

Chapter 7

Adv#: 1:23-01002 Balint v. Gomez

#11.00 Pre-trial conference re: first amended complaint for determination of dischargeability and objection to Debtor's discharge pursuant to section 523(A)(6)

fr. 5/3/23; 6/14/23; 10/4/23; 11/8/23; 12/13/23; 3/20/24; 11/13/24; 12/12/24 (per ord. #41); 4/3/25; 8/14/25; 10/16/25; 12/18/25

Docket 5

Tentative Ruling:

Because the state court may enter a judgment to liquidate the amount of the plaintiff's damages claim in the near future, i.e., based on the plaintiff's contention that the parties reached an enforceable settlement agreement on that amount, the Court may continue the pretrial conference to 1:30 p.m. on March 26, 2026.

At that time, the Court also would hear the defendant's pending motions in limine [docs. 67 and 68], if they remain pertinent to the issues to be adjudicated by this Court.

If the Court hears those motions in limine at 1:30 p.m. on March 26, 2026, then the plaintiff must file and serve her response to the motions in limine by March 12, 2026, and any reply must be filed and served by March 19, 2026.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Livio Ernesto Gomez

Represented By
Jason Boyer

Defendant(s):

Livio Ernesto Gomez

Represented By
Jason Boyer

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Plaintiff(s):

Jessica Balint

Represented By
Gabor Szabo

Trustee(s):

David Seror (TR)

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1:23-11082 Philip M. Lawrence, II

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Adv#: 1:25-01066 DAVID K. GOTTLIEB, solely in his capacity as Chapt v. THOMAS ST.

- #12.00** Status conference re complaint for:
1. Disallowance of claim (Thomas St. John, Inc.) [11 U.S.C. §502(d)];
 2. Disallowance of claim (Dun & Dun LLC) [11 U.S.C. §502(b)(1), (b)(4), and (d)];
 - 3 Avoidance of actual fraudulent transfers (Thomas St. John) [11 U.S.C. §548(a)(1)(A), and [11 U.S.C. §550]
 4. Avoidance of actual fraudulent transfers (Thomas St. John) [Cal.Civ. Code § 3439.04
 5. Avoidance of constructive fraudulent transfers J(Thomas St. John) [11 U.S.C. §548(a)(1)(B) and 11 U.S.C. §550];
 6. Avoidance of constructive fraudulent transfers (Thomas St. John) [Cal.Civ. Code § 3439.05];
 - 7/ Breach of fiduciary duty (Thomas St. John);
 8. Recovery of fraudulent transfers [11 U.S.C. § 544, 11 U.S.C. § 548 and 11 U.S.C. § 550]

fr. 12/11/25

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: Continued by stipulation to 3/5/26 at 1:30 pm [Dkt. #12]**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Philip M. Lawrence II

Represented By

Robert M Yaspan - SUSPENDED BK -
Jeffrey S Kwong

Defendant(s):

THOMAS ST. JOHN, INC., a

Pro Se

THOMAS ST. JOHN, an individual

Pro Se

DUN & DUN LLC, a California

Pro Se

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Plaintiff(s):

DAVID K. GOTTLIEB, solely in his

Represented By
Joseph M Rothberg

Trustee(s):

David Keith Gottlieb (TR)

Represented By
Ron Bender
Jeffrey S Kwong

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1:24-11115 Peter John Rudinkas

Chapter 7

Adv#: 1:25-01003 Rudinkas v. US Department of Education

#13.00 Pretrial conference re: complaint to determine dischargeability
of student loan

fr. 3/13/25; 4/17/25; 12/11/25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Peter John Rudinkas ("Plaintiff") passed away on September 21, 2025 [doc. 15, ¶ 8]. Upon death, a student loan borrower's federal student loan obligations will be discharged by the U.S. Department of Education as a matter of federal law. 34 C.F.R. § 685.212(a)(1).

The adversary proceeding will be dismissed.

The Court will prepare the order.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Peter John Rudinkas Pro Se

Defendant(s):

US Department of Education Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Peter John Rudinkas Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amy L Goldman (TR) Pro Se

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1:24-11300 Anush Arakelyan

Chapter 7

Adv#: 1:25-01084 Gottlieb v. Arakelyan

- #14.00** Status conference re: Complaint for:
1. Quiet title and declaratory relief regarding real property commonly known as 8008 Wilkinson Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91605;
 2. Avoidance, recovery, and preservation of avoidable postpetition transfers
 3. Turnover
 4. Willful violation of the automatic stay

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: Another Summons issued on 12/31/25 [doc. 5]. Status hearing continued to 3/5/26.**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Anush Arakelyan	Pro Se
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Defendant(s):

Vartan Arakelyan	Pro Se
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Plaintiff(s):

David K. Gottlieb	Represented By Tinho Mang Bradford Barnhardt
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Trustee(s):

David Keith Gottlieb (TR)	Represented By Laila Rais Bradford Barnhardt
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1:25-10804 Donna Graves

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Adv#: 1:25-01047 MAS Media Inc., a corporation v. Graves

#15.00 Status Conference to Determine Nondischargeability of Debt (11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A), (4) and (6))

fr. 11/13/25; 12/4/25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Why doesn't the defendant want this matter sent to mediation at this time?

Deadline to complete discovery: **April 17, 2026.**

Deadline to file pretrial motions: **April 30, 2026.**

Deadline to complete and submit pretrial stipulation in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1: **May 7, 2026.**

Pretrial conference: **May 21, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.**

In accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(a)(3), within seven (7) days after this status conference, the plaintiff must submit a Scheduling Order.

If any of these deadlines are not satisfied, the Court will consider imposing sanctions against the party at fault pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(f) and (g).

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Donna Graves

Represented By
Marc A Lieberman

Defendant(s):

Donna Graves

Represented By

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Stella A Havkin

Plaintiff(s):

MAS Media Inc., a corporation

Represented By
Jack M Schuler

Trustee(s):

Amy L Goldman (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-10804 Donna Graves

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Adv#: 1:25-01048 Groupe Boombox, Inc. v. Graves

#16.00 Status conference re: complaint to determine nondischargeability of debt [11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A), (4) and (6)]

fr. 11/13/25; 12/4/25

Docket 1

*** VACATED *** REASON: Adversary Proceeding closed on 1/26/26 [doc 23].

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Donna Graves

Represented By
Marc A Lieberman

Defendant(s):

Donna Graves

Represented By
Stella A Havkin

Plaintiff(s):

Groupe Boombox, Inc.

Represented By
Jack M Schuler

Trustee(s):

Amy L Goldman (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-10968 Wesley Louis Montgomery

Chapter 7

Adv#: 1:25-01053 Montgomery v. Department of Education

#17.00 Status conference re: complaint to determine dischargeability of student loan
fr. 10/23/25; 11/21/25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

On August 25, 2025, Wesley Louis Montgomery ("Plaintiff") filed a complaint against the United States Department of Education ("Defendant") asserting a claim for discharge of debt pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8).

On November 24, 2025, the Court entered the *Order Setting Continued Adversary Proceeding Status Conference* ("Order") [doc. 4] . The Order required Plaintiff to take the following actions:

1. Request *Another Summons* from the Court;
2. Serve the *Another Summons* on Defendant within 7 days of its issuance by the Court; and
3. File a signed proof of service indicating that the *Another Summons* and other required documents were served on Defendant.

Plaintiff has not requested the *Another Summons* from the Court pursuant to the procedures in the Order. Plaintiff has not filed proof of service indicating that the *Another Summons*, notice of status conference, complaint and Judge Kaufman's status conference instructions have been properly served on Defendant.

The parties have not filed a joint status report, and Plaintiff has not filed a unilateral status report, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(a). In addition, contrary to the provisions of Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(a), Plaintiff has not filed a declaration setting forth the attempts made by Plaintiff to contact or obtain the cooperation of Defendant.

The Court will continue the status conference to **1:30 p.m. on February 24, 2026** and

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issue an order to show cause as to why this adversary proceeding should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1.

The Court will prepare the order.

Ruling from 11/21/25

The Court strongly advises the plaintiff to consult with and engage qualified bankruptcy counsel regarding this adversary proceeding. Information about locating qualified counsel is available on the Court's website at:
https://www.cacb.uscourts.gov/sites/cacb/files/documents/judges/instructions/VK_NeedALaWyerForm%20LL.pdf.

The plaintiff did not properly serve the summons on the defendant United States Department of Education (the "Dept. of Ed.").

Section 2.6 of the Court's Central Guide Supplement to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 5003(e) provides:

In student loan adversary proceedings where the [Dept. of Ed.] is the defendant, the plaintiff must serve the complaint and summons on the [Dept. of Ed.] at all three addresses listed below:

Office of U.S. Attorney
Civil Process Clerk
Room 7516
Federal Building
300 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Ben Franklin Station
P.O. Box 683
Washington, D.C. 20044

United States Department of Education

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Plaintiff(s):

Wesley Louis Montgomery

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Amy L Goldman (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-11049 Lusine Hakhverdyan

Chapter 7

Adv#: 1:25-01077 Swift Financial LLC v. Hakhverdyan

#18.00 Status Conference Re: Complaint

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: Hearing rescheduled to 2/12/26 at 1:30 PM**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Lusine Hakhverdyan

Represented By
Sevan Gorginian

Defendant(s):

Lusine Hakhverdyan

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Swift Financial LLC

Represented By
Daren M Schlecter

Trustee(s):

Jeremy W. Faith (TR)

Pro Se

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1:25-11223 Jessica Liliana Bautista-Brown

Chapter 7

Adv#: 1:25-01049 Bautista-Brown v. US Department of Education et al

#19.00 Status conference re complaint

fr. 10/9/25

Stipulation to dismiss filed 9/30/25

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: Order of dismissal entered 10/1/25 [Dkt. 9]**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jessica Liliana Bautista-Brown Pro Se

Defendant(s):

US Department of Education Pro Se

Aidvantage, Loan Servicer Pro Se

Joint Debtor(s):

Dominick Ashby Brown Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Jessica Liliana Bautista-Brown Pro Se

Trustee(s):

David Keith Gottlieb (TR) Pro Se

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1:20-10026 Joseph Wanamaker

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Adv#: 1:22-01038 The Affiliati Network, LLC et al v. Wanamaker et al

#20.00 Pre-Trial Conference re first amended complaint

fr. 9/25/25(stip); 11/25/25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

The parties should be prepared to discuss the following:

(1) In accordance with the Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1 and the *Order Granting Stipulation to: (1) Extend Pre-Trial Deadlines and Discovery Completion Dates; and (2) Continue Pre-Trial Conference*, entered on November 26, 2025 [doc. 169], the parties were required to complete and submit a proposed joint pretrial stipulation by **January 22, 2026**. On January 29, 2026, defendant filed and served *Defendant's Pretrial Stipulation*, which is attached as Exhibit B to *Declaration of Defendant's Counsel Regarding Pretrial Stipulation* [doc. 183].

(2) As required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(b)(1)(C), did the parties meet and confer at least 28 days before the date set for this pretrial conference for the purpose of preparing the required pretrial stipulation?

(3) Contrary to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(c), it appears that plaintiffs did not serve a proposed joint pretrial stipulation **that is complete in all respects except for defendant's list of exhibits and witnesses** so that it would be received by defendant not later than 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2026. Instead, on January 16, 2026, plaintiffs apparently sent to defendant, by email, a "shell" of a joint pretrial stipulation. See *Declaration of Defendant's Counsel Regarding Pretrial Stipulation* and Exhibit A thereto [doc. 183].

(4) Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(d)(2) and (e)(2), on January 29, 2026, defendant belatedly filed and serve a unilateral pretrial stipulation and a declaration attesting to plaintiffs' failure to prepare and serve a proposed pretrial stipulation. *Declaration of Defendant's Counsel Regarding Pretrial Stipulation* and Exhibits A

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and B thereto [doc. 183].

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As to the defendant's identified witnesses nos. 6 and 9 though 16 and their summarized testimony, the Court questions the relevance of such testimony to the claims against the defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 727(a)(2)(A) and (B), (a)(3), (a)(4) (A), (B) and (D) and (a)(5).

Trial dates, based on the 10-day trial estimates provided by the parties:

May 26 through June 5, 2026

OR

August 24 through September 4, 2026

A pretrial stipulation must conform to LBR 7016-1(b)(2), as follows:

Unless the court orders otherwise, a pretrial stipulation must include the following statements in the following sequence:

(A) "The following facts are admitted and require no proof:" (Set forth a concise statement of each.)

(B) "The following issues of fact, and no others, remain to be litigated:" (Set forth a concise statement of each.)

(C) "The following issues of law, and no others, remain to be litigated:" (Set forth a concise statement of each.)

(D) "Attached is a list of exhibits intended to be offered at the trial by each party, other than exhibits to be used for impeachment only. The parties have exchanged copies of all exhibits." (Attach a list of exhibits in the sequence to be offered, with a description of each, sufficient for identification, and as to each state whether or not there is objection to its admissibility in evidence and the nature thereof.) If deposition testimony is to be offered as part of the evidence, the offering party must comply with LBR 7030-1.

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(E) “The parties have exchanged a list of witnesses to be called at trial.” The parties must exchange a list of names and addresses of witnesses, including expert witnesses, to be called at trial other than those contemplated to be used for impeachment or rebuttal. The lists of witnesses must be attached to the pretrial stipulation **together with a concise summary of the subject of their proposed testimony**. If an expert witness is to be called at trial, the parties must exchange short narrative statements of the qualifications of the expert and the testimony expected to be elicited at trial. If the expert to be called at trial has prepared a report, the report must be exchanged as well.

(F) “Other matters that might affect the trial such as anticipated motions in limine, motions to withdraw reference due to timely jury trial demand pursuant to LBR 9015-2, or other pretrial motions.”

(G) “All discovery is complete.”

(H) “The parties are ready for trial.”

(I) “The estimated length of trial is _____.”

(J) “The foregoing admissions have been made by the parties, and the parties have specified the foregoing issues of fact and law remaining to be litigated. Therefore, this order supersedes the pleadings and governs the course of trial of this cause, unless modified to prevent manifest injustice.”

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Joseph Wanamaker

Represented By
Peter M Lively
David P Reiner II

Defendant(s):

Joseph Wanamaker

Represented By
David P Reiner II

UR Media Group, Inc.

Represented By

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David P Reiner II

Plaintiff(s):

The Affiliati Network, LLC

Represented By
Stella A Havkin
Travis A Corder
Daniel J McCarthy

Sanjay Palta

Represented By
Stella A Havkin
Travis A Corder
Daniel J McCarthy

Trustee(s):

Amy L Goldman (TR)

Represented By
Leonard Pena