

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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<i>In re</i>	)	
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BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER	)	Administrative Order
<u>SERVICE OUTAGE</u>	)	FLMB-2026-6

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING
BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER SERVICE OUTAGE
AND EXTENDING CERTAIN DEADLINES¹**

The Court is advised that the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (“BNC”) is experiencing a nationwide service outage that prevents it from transmitting notices and orders to parties in the ordinary course. In addition, the list of creditors’ addresses maintained by the National Creditor Registration Service is currently not available, and the outage may affect CM/ECF Users’ ability to access current creditors’ mailing matrices in the Court’s Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (“CM/ECF”) system. However, the outage does not affect the CM/ECF system itself or the Notices of Electronic Filing transmitted through the CM/ECF system, which continue to function normally.

The Court is unsure how long the BNC service outage may last. Accordingly, the Court finds that emergency temporary procedures are necessary for the continued administration of bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings and to ensure that legally sufficient notices are provided to the parties. Under 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Rules 2002 and 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Court’s authority to administer its docket, and subject in all respects to applicable statutes, rules, and due process, it is

ORDERED:

A. *Applicability.* During the time that this Order remains effective, it applies retroactively (1) in all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings pending in or commenced in this District; (2) to all Court-generated notices and orders entered on CM/ECF dockets, on or after October 7, 2026, that the Clerk of Court ordinarily serves via BNC but, as a result of the outage, have not or will not be transmitted via BNC; and (3) to all parties who are represented by an attorney, including the Office of the United States Trustee, Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 Trustees, and Subchapter V Trustees. This Order does not apply to (1) adversary proceedings in which all parties are represented by an attorney; (2) notices and orders transmitted to parties via CM/ECF; or (3) papers for which a party

¹ This Administrative Order amends and supersedes Administrative Order FLMB-2026-5.

other than the Clerk is responsible for serving. Parties' existing obligations to effectuate service of notices, orders, and other papers remain in effect.

B. *Supplemental Notice and Service Requirements During Outage.* The Court hereby designates the parties responsible for service of notices, orders, and other papers previously served by the Clerk through BNC as follows:

1. *Official Form Notices of Bankruptcy Case.* In each bankruptcy case filed on or after October 7, 2026, within three days of the date of the bankruptcy petition or the date of this Administrative Order, whichever is later, the debtor must serve all creditors and other persons entitled to notice of the bankruptcy case (a) a copy of the *Notice of Bankruptcy Case* (Official Forms 309A-I) without redaction or revision, and (b) in cases in which the debtor is an individual, an unredacted copy of the *Statement About Your Social Security Number(s)* (Official Form 121), including the debtor's complete Social Security Number. In addition, if the debtor files a Chapter 13 plan with the bankruptcy petition, the debtor must serve a copy of the plan with the Notice of Bankruptcy Case.

2. *Notices of Hearing.* If the Clerk docketed a notice of hearing in a bankruptcy case or an adversary proceeding, the party who filed the underlying motion, application, or other request for relief must serve a copy of the notice of hearing on every person entitled to service or notice. If an attorney anticipates that the underlying motion, application, or other request for relief will be set for hearing in due course, the attorney may defer service of the underlying paper until the Clerk has docketed the notice of hearing. However, papers seeking emergency relief and papers filed using the negative notice procedures of Local Rule 2002-4 must be served when filed.

3. *Orders and Notices Relating to Dismissal, Final Decree, and Discharge.* Within three days of the docketing of the following notices and orders, the debtor must serve the following on all persons entitled to notice:

- a. Orders of dismissal.
- b. Final decrees.
- c. Notices of the entry of the following orders:
 - Orders of discharge;
 - Orders denying a discharge;
 - Orders revoking a discharge; and
 - Orders approving a waiver of discharge.

4. *Notice of Deadline to File Proof of Claim and Notice of Final Report in Chapter 7 Cases.* Chapter 7 trustees must serve Notices of Fixing Time to File Proof of Claim and Notices of the Trustee's Final Report on all persons entitled to such notice.

5. Manner and Proof of Service. Notices and service effectuated under this Order must comply with the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (including Rules 2002, 7004, and 9036, as applicable), the Local Rules, and orders entered in individual cases. Service by CM/ECF Notice of Electronic Filing is sufficient only for recipients for whom that method is authorized. All other recipients must be served by a legally permissible means, including via U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid. After effectuating service, the serving party must promptly file a certificate of service in accordance with Local Rule 9013-3.

C. Access to Creditors' Mailing Matrix. During the BNC outage, access to the creditors' matrix on CM/ECF may be impaired. Until the outage is resolved, parties may access the list of creditors and addresses in a case using the procedure in Attachment 1. Note: the list obtained using this procedure is limited to creditors and does not include the debtor(s), trustee(s), or the United States Trustee, and may not include other interested parties. Parties must ensure that notice is provided to all appropriate parties.

D. Parties May Seek Relief if Affected by Insufficient Notice. A party adversely affected by a lack of notice or a delay in receiving notice may seek a continuance, additional notice, an extension where legally permitted, or other relief by filing an appropriate motion in the applicable bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. The motion must identify the notice at issue, explain how the failure to receive notice affected the party, and specify the relief requested. The Court will consider such motions on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable law.

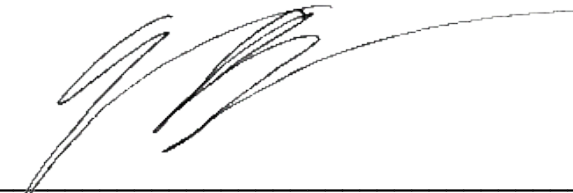
E. Extension of Certain Deadlines. In all bankruptcy cases filed on or after October 7, 2026, the following deadlines are extended for 60 days after the original deadline:

1. The deadline under Rule 1017(e) for the United States Trustee to file a motion to dismiss for abuse.
2. The deadline under Rule 4004(a) for the filing of objections to the debtor's discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727.
3. The deadline under Rule 4007(c) for filing complaints to determine the dischargeability of certain debts under 11 U.S.C. § 523(c).
4. The deadline under Rule 4008(a) for filing a reaffirmation agreement.
5. The deadlines under Rule 2003(a) for holding § 341 meetings are extended to the extent necessary to accommodate the postponement of § 341 meetings by the Office of the United States Trustee.

F. *Hearings Will Proceed as Scheduled.* Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all existing or scheduled hearings shall proceed as scheduled.

G. *Implementation and Termination of this Administrative Order.* The Clerk may publish ministerial instructions consistent with this Order. This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until further order of the Court. Upon restoration of BNC service, the Clerk and affected parties shall coordinate to avoid duplicate or inconsistent notices and address any outstanding backlogs.

DATED: October 20, 2026



JACOB A. BROWN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

ATTACHMENT 1

Procedure to Access the List of Creditors in CM/ECF:

1. Select “Query” from the top menu in CM/ECF.
2. Input the case number and select the “Run Query” button.
3. Select the “Creditor” link.
4. The next screen will ask what Creditor type for which you are searching. You may leave “Creditor type” selection blank and select “Run Query” to list all creditors.
5. The next screen will display the list of the creditors and addresses to assist with service.

Note: The list that will be generated includes creditors only and does not contain other parties in interest, including but not limited to, the debtor(s), trustee, or the U.S. Trustee. The serving party is responsible for serving all parties entitled to notice.