

**SAMPLE FORMS BOOKLET**  
**WITH COMMENTARY**

## INTRODUCTION

This forms booklet was prepared by law clerk Steve Beckham under the direction and guidance of Judge Cook, and have been updated and supplemented by Judge Whittenburg, including to reflect changes made by the amendments to the local rules effective November 1, 2016. The booklet includes a number of form motions, notices, and orders, with commentaries including references to pertinent statutes and rules and, when appropriate, explanations as to how the forms are to be completed. **Note that this forms booklet is not an official forms manual adopted and approved by the judges of the court. Hence, there is no requirement that attorneys use these forms. This booklet is simply a guide that attorneys might find useful.**

If the forms are used, the user should incorporate the forms into a WordPerfect or Microsoft Word document with appropriate edits and language pertinent to a specific bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding typed in and filed with the court's electronic case filing system or uploaded to E-orders in pdf format. The forms are not to be completed and uploaded with handwritten inserts, interlineations, or notations.

The forms are numbered for reference only. The numbering system is as follows. The numbers for forms of motions (and similar papers) begin with the letter "M" and a hyphen; and the numbers for forms of orders begin with the letter "O" and a hyphen. Following the hyphen is a three-digit number. The first digit indicates that the form relates to a rule found within that part of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") or the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (the "Local Rules"). For example, Sample Form M-301 has "3" as the first digit following the hyphen because it relates to a rule in Part 3 of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules (Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007 and E.D. Tenn. LBR 3007-1). Many motions have two versions, such as one for when a hearing is set, and another version for when the court's passive notice procedure is employed. In that event, the number of each of the two versions has a letter suffix. Thus, Sample Form M-401P is a motion for relief from the automatic stay using the passive notice procedure while Sample Form M-401H is a motion for stay relief setting a hearing. Similarly, Sample Form M-201E is a motion for a Rule 2004 examination on an ex parte basis while Sample Form M-201H provides for a hearing on a Rule 2004 motion. Note, however, that, while there may be more than one form of motion (or

objection or notice), there is usually only one form of order, as each order is designed to “work” with a motion (or objection or notice) irrespective of whether a hearing is conducted, the relief is granted by default under the passive notice procedure, or the relief is granted on an ex parte basis. The numbers of sample form orders correlate with the numbers of sample form motions. Thus, Sample Form O-401 is a form order granting a motion for relief from the automatic stay (Sample Form M-401P or M-401H).

The forms (as part of this booklet) are available on the court’s Web site in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format. In addition, each form is available on the court’s Web site in WordPerfect and Microsoft Word formats.

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M-502	Motion for determination regarding postpetition fees, expenses, or charges
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M-503	Motion to reopen case and for leave to file domestic support certification or proof of completion of instructional course in personal financial management
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[Sample Form M-201E]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:** \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 ) **No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) **Chapter** \_\_\_\_  
**Debtor(s)** )

**MOTION FOR RULE 2004 EXAMINATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ request(s) an order authorizing the  
movant(s) to conduct a Rule 2004 examination, and makes the following representations in support  
of this request:

1. The movant(s) seeks to examine \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The examination is needed to inquire into matters of the type described in Fed. R. Bankr.  
P. 2004(b), including the following: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. [*Optional*] The debtor shall be examined on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_m.,  
at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [or] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form M-201H]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>  _____  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Debtor(s)</b></p>	) ) ) ) ) )	<b>No.</b> _____ <b>Chapter</b> ____
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**MOTION FOR RULE 2004 EXAMINATION**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:  
 A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
 in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

\_\_\_\_\_ request(s) an order authorizing the  
 movant(s) to conduct a Rule 2004 examination, and makes the following representations in support  
 of this request:

1. The movant(s) seeks to examine \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The examination is needed to inquire into matters of the type described in Fed. R. Bankr.  
 P. 2004(b), including the following: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

3. [Optional] The debtor shall be examined on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
 at \_\_\_\_\_.

4. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date *[or]* on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ :

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER**

This case is before the court on a motion filed by \_\_\_\_\_  
for a Rule 2004 examination of a/the debtor in the above-styled case. Because it appears that the  
movant is entitled to the relief sought, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. More specifically, it is ordered that the debtor/witness  
shall appear on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be examined under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2004.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
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 )

**Debtor(s)**

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**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER**

This case is before the court on a motion for a Rule 2004 examination filed by \_\_\_\_\_ . Because it appears that the movant is entitled to the relief sought, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. The attendance of the witness(es) for examination and for the production of documents may be compelled as provided in Rules 2004(c) and 9016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

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[insert name, office address, telephone  
number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-201E, M-201H, O-201D, AND O-201W**

Sample Form M-201E is designed for use when a motion for a Rule 2004 examination is filed on an ex parte basis as authorized by Local Rule 9013-1(g)(1)(xiv). If a hearing is desired, Sample Form M-201H may be used instead. If Form M-201H is used, the hearing must be 20-40 days from the service of the motion. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(f)(2)(ii).

Bankruptcy Rule 2004(d) authorizes the court to order the examination of the debtor at a specific time or place. Accordingly, paragraph 3 of Forms M-201E and M-201H may (but need not be) completed when the person to be examined is a debtor in the case. Neither the motion nor the order should state the place or time of the examination of a nondebtor witness, as the court does not specify that information. Rather, the time and place of the examination may be included in a subpoena, if an agreement of counsel is not possible.

Sample Form O-201D may be completed and uploaded with the motion if the witness is the debtor and the movant wants the order to specify the time and place of the examination. The blank in the first sentence should be completed with the name of the movant. The blanks in the second paragraph should be completed with the date, time, and location of the examination. Sample Form O-201W may be completed and uploaded with the motion if the witness is not the debtor or if the movant does not want the order to specify the time and place of the examination.

[Sample Form M-301P]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:** \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 ) **No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) **Chapter** \_\_\_\_  
**Debtor(s)** )

**OBJECTION TO CLAIM ASSERTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ (PROOF OF CLAIM NO. \_\_\_\_\_)**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 30 days from the date this objection to claim was filed and serve a copy on the objector's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

\_\_\_\_\_ objects to the allowance of the claim identified below, and makes the following representations in support of this objection:

1. The claimant is \_\_\_\_\_ and the court's claim number is \_\_\_\_\_. The claim should be disallowed  in its entirety *OR*  to the following extent or in the following respect: \_\_\_\_\_.



2. The claim should be disallowed under 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(\_\_\_\_), because \_\_\_\_\_

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3. If this objection is based (in whole or in part) on an assertion of fact that is not evident from the record, this objection is  verified *OR*  accompanied by a separate affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury that sets forth the evidentiary basis for the objection.

4. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

#### **VERIFICATION**

The undersigned declare(s) under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing Objection to Claim are true and correct.

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[signature]

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[date]

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[signature]

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[date]

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the

foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [or]

on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form M-301H]

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

In re:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debtor(s)

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_

**OBJECTION TO CLAIM ASSERTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ (PROOF OF CLAIM NO. \_\_\_\_)**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:

A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_m.,  
in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

\_\_\_\_\_ objects to the allowance of the claim identified below, and makes the following representations in support of this objection:

1. The claimant is \_\_\_\_\_  
and the court's claim number is \_\_\_\_\_. The claim should be disallowed  in its entirety *OR*  
 to the following extent or in the following respect: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The claim should be disallowed under 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(\_\_\_\_), because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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3. [Optional] This objection is  verified *OR*  accompanied by a separate affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury that sets forth the evidentiary basis for the objection.

4. [any additional pertinent allegations]

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**VERIFICATION**

The undersigned declare(s) under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing Objection to Claim are true and correct.

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[signature]

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[date]

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[signature]

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[date]

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*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-301]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )  
 )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER DISALLOWING CLAIM ASSERTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ (PROOF OF CLAIM NO. \_\_\_\_)**

This case is before the court on an objection filed by \_\_\_\_\_  
to the allowance of the claim of \_\_\_\_\_,  
which has been assigned claim no. \_\_\_\_\_. Because it appears that the objector(s) is (are) entitled to  
the relief sought, it is hereby

ORDERED that the objection is sustained. More specifically, it is ordered that the claim  
identified above is disallowed [*or, if applicable*] disallowed to the extent that/of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-301P, M-301H, AND O-301**

Sample Form M-301P is designed to be used to object to any claim in a case under any chapter when the objecting party wishes to utilize the passive notice procedure as authorized by Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(xv). Under Local Rule 9013-1(h)(3)(i), the objection period for an objection to a claim is 30 days. Sample Form M-301H is designed to be used when the objecting party does not desire to utilize the passive notice procedure. The hearing must be 30-50 days from the service of the objection. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(f)(2)(ii)(A). The passive notice procedure should not be used when it is impossible for the objection to allege the extent to which the claim is subject to disallowance, for the required supporting affidavit or declaration to state facts showing that the claim is subject to disallowance to that extent, and for the proposed order to disallow the claim to a specific extent.

The claimant's name and the proof of claim number should be inserted in the title of the objection. E.D. Tenn. LBR 3007-1(a). Paragraph 1 of either form of objection should include the creditor's name and the court's claim number – not the chapter 13 trustee's claim number. (This information should also be included in the docket entry when the objection is filed.) Paragraph 1 should also specify the extent to which the claim should be disallowed. For example, a debtor may seek disallowance only to the extent that the amount of the claim exceeds the amount stated in the schedules; or a trustee may not object to the amount of the claim but only to its characterization as a secured or priority claim. Paragraph 2 should specify the pertinent paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 502(b) as well as an explanation of how the claim falls within that provision.

Regarding paragraph 3, a verification, affidavit, or unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury is optional when an objection to claim is set for hearing, because the objection may be substantiated by testimony at the

hearing. However, Local Rule 3007-1(c) requires a verification, affidavit, or unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury when an objection to claim involving issues of fact is filed utilizing the passive notice procedure.

Sample Form O-301 may be completed and uploaded with either form of objection. Again, the claimant's name and the proof of claim number should be inserted in the title of the order. E.D. Tenn. LBR 3007-1(a). The blanks in the first sentence should be completed with the objecting party's and the creditor's names and the court's claim number – again, not the chapter 13 trustee's claim number. If the claim is to be disallowed in its entirety, the language following "is disallowed" should be deleted. On the other hand, if the claim is to be disallowed in part, the extent of the disallowance should be inserted on the blank line at the end of the second paragraph of the order.



[Sample Form M-302]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 13**

**MOTION TO MODIFY CHAPTER 13 PLAN**

The debtor(s) request(s) an order confirming the modified chapter 13 plan attached hereto or filed herewith, and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. The change(s) that the debtor(s) propose(s) to make to the chapter 13 plan previously confirmed in this case may be summarized as follows:

A.

Plan payment changed from \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.

B.

Distributions on secured debts changed:

Creditor	Current Amount	Proposed New Amount
	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____

C.

Dividend on nonpriority unsecured claims changed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The reason(s) for such change(s) are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The modified plan  would  would not reduce plan payments. If the modified plan would reduce plan payments, amended Schedules I and J are being filed herewith and the changes are summarized as follows:

Former Schedule I	Amended Schedule I	Difference
Former Schedule J	Amended Schedule J	Difference
Former Net Monthly Income	Amended Monthly Net Income	Difference

4. A notice conforming to Local Form 3015.2 is being filed and served herewith.

5. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the

foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [or]

on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

## **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORM M-302**

This form includes neither a hearing notice nor passive notice language, because Local Rule 3015-2(a)(1)(iii) requires the scheduling of a meeting with the standing chapter 13 trustee that is comparable to the § 341(a) meeting of creditors conducted when the initial plan (or an amended plan) is filed. As indicated in paragraph 4 of the form, the notice of the trustee meeting must be prepared in the form of Local Form 3015.2, which is mandatory. E.D. Tenn. LBR 3015-2(a)(1)(iii).

The introductory clause of the form makes it clear that a modified plan must be filed with the motion in accordance with Local Rule 3015-2(a)(1)(ii). The information in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the motion is required by Local Rule 3015-2(a)(2). Paragraph 3 is derived from Local Rule 3015-2(a)(1)(iv), which requires amended Schedules I and J if the modification would reduce plan payments.

There is no sample form of order granting a motion to modify a plan, because the chapter 13 trustee prepares and uploads such orders [in the form of Local Form 3015.3, mandated by Local Rule 3015-2(6)] since they are analogous to orders confirming plans. Thus, this type of motion is an exception to the general requirement that a proposed order be uploaded with every motion.

[Sample Form M-401P]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:** \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 ) **No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) **Chapter** \_\_\_\_  
**Debtor(s)** )

**MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY**  
**[optional] AND TO COMPEL ABANDONMENT**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING**

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 14 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

\_\_\_\_\_ requests an order granting it relief from the automatic stay to enforce its rights against the collateral described below, [optional] that such order not be subject to the stay provided by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001(a)(3), and [optional] an order compelling the trustee to abandon the collateral, and makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The unpaid balance of the claim secured by the collateral was \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as of the date of the filing of the petition commencing this case.

2. The collateral with respect to which relief from the stay is sought may be described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Documents or pertinent excerpts of the documents evidencing the creation and perfection of the security interest are attached hereto.

4.  The movant's interest in the collateral is not adequately protected, because \_\_\_\_\_.

*OR*

there is other cause for relief from the stay, because \_\_\_\_\_.

*OR*

the debtor(s) does not have an equity in the collateral and the collateral is not necessary to an effective reorganization.

5. [*optional*] The collateral is burdensome to the estate or is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate.

6. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper, along with copies of the documents or pertinent excerpts of the documents evidencing the creation and perfection of the security interest, will be served

electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper, along with copies of the documents or pertinent excerpts of the documents evidencing the creation and perfection of the security interest, was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [or] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form M-401H]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>  _____  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Debtor(s)</b></p>	) ) ) ) )	<b>No.</b> _____ <b>Chapter</b> ____
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**MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY  
[optional] AND TO COMPEL ABANDONMENT**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:

A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

\_\_\_\_\_ requests an order granting it relief from the automatic stay to enforce its rights against the collateral described below, [optional] that such order not be subject to the stay provided by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001(a)(3), and [optional] an order compelling the trustee to abandon the collateral, and makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The unpaid balance of the claim secured by the collateral was \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as of the date of the filing of the petition commencing this case.



2. The collateral with respect to which relief from the stay is sought may be described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Documents or pertinent excerpts of the documents evidencing the creation and perfection of the security interest are attached hereto.

4.  The movant's interest in the collateral is not adequately protected, because \_\_\_\_\_.

*OR*

there is other cause for relief from the stay, because \_\_\_\_\_.

*OR*

the debtor(s) does not have an equity in the collateral and the collateral is not necessary to an effective reorganization.

5. [*optional*] The collateral is burdensome to the estate or is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate.

6. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper, along with copies of the documents or pertinent excerpts of the documents evidencing the creation and perfection of the security interest, will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper, along with copies of the documents or pertinent excerpts of the documents evidencing the creation and perfection of the security interest, was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [or] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-401]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 ) **No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) **Chapter** \_\_\_\_  
**Debtor(s)** )

**ORDER GRANTING RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY**  
**[optional] AND COMPELLING ABANDONMENT**

This case is before the court on a motion for relief from the automatic stay [*optional*] and to compel abandonment filed by \_\_\_\_\_. Because it appears that the movant is entitled to the relief sought, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. More specifically, it is ORDERED that the movant has relief from the automatic stay to enforce its rights against the collateral described in the motion. [*optional*] It is further ORDERED that the 14-day stay provision provided by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001(a)(3) shall not apply. [*optional*] It is further ORDERED that the trustee shall, and hereby does, abandon the collateral.

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-401P, M-401H, AND O-401**

Sample Form M-401P is designed for use in seeking relief from the stay with respect to collateral when the movant wishes to utilize the passive notice procedure as authorized by Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(i) or (ii). Under Local Rule 9013-1(h)(3)(iii) and (iv), the objection period is 14 days for a motion for relief from the automatic stay or to compel abandonment in a chapter 7 case or in a chapter 13 case in which the passive notice procedure is available, i.e., to seek relief from the automatic stay with respect to collateral to be surrendered under the plan. It will usually be unnecessary to file a motion for stay relief in a chapter 13 case, because the form of confirmation order mandated by the court (Local Form 3015.5) provides that the automatic stay is terminated with respect to property to be surrendered under the plan, without a motion or further notice, hearing, or order.

Sample Form M-401H is designed to be used to seek stay relief with respect to collateral in a case (1) under any chapter, if the movant does not desire to utilize the passive notice procedure, or (2) in which the passive notice procedure is not available. Thus, Form M-401H may be used in chapter 11, 12, or 13 cases, and may also be used in chapter 7 cases if the movant wants to set the matter for hearing. Regarding the notice of hearing, the hearing must be scheduled 21-40 days after service of the motion and notice in a chapter 11, 12, or 13 case, but may be scheduled as soon as 14 days off in a chapter 7 case. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(f)(2)(ii), (ii)(B).

The first optional phrase in the introductory clause of either form motion may be included if the movant desires to take action against the collateral

immediately upon the entry of the order granting the motion. The second optional phrase in the introductory clause and paragraph 5 may be included if the movant seeks abandonment of the collateral, as well as relief from the stay. There is no sample form of motion to compel abandonment and no sample form of order compelling abandonment, but these forms could serve as a guide in the event that abandonment (but not relief from the stay) is desired. Note that, under Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(ix), a motion to compel abandonment may utilize the passive notice procedure in a case under any chapter.

The information to be inserted in paragraphs 1, 2, and 4 of the motion forms is required by Local Rule 4001-1(a). The documents to be provided in paragraph 3 are required by Local Rule 4001-1(b). Paragraph 5 sets forth the statutory grounds for stay relief under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1) and (2), and the movant should mark the appropriate box(es) or simply delete the irrelevant clause.

Because Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a)(1) incorporates Rule 9014, mail service of a motion for relief from the stay must be sent in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 7004(b). Note that mail service on a debtor requires mailing both to the debtor's attorney and directly to the debtor. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004(b)(9). While service in a chapter 7 or 13 case would normally include only the trustee, the debtor, and the debtor's attorney, service in a chapter 11 case must also include the parties listed in Local Rule 4001-4. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001(a)(1). Note that, if the motion includes a request to order abandonment of property, Local Rules 6007-1(b) and 4001-1(d) require that the motion also be served on all creditors.

Sample Form O-401 may be completed and uploaded with either form of motion. The blank in the first sentence should be completed with the name of the movant. The first optional sentence in the second paragraph may be included if the movant desires to take action against the collateral immediately upon the entry of the order. If the movant does not seek to compel abandonment, as well as relief from the automatic stay, the last phrase of the first sentence of the form and the last sentence of the form should be deleted or stricken.

[Sample Form M-402]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**MOTION TO EXTEND AUTOMATIC STAY**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:

A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_m.,  
in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(B), the debtor(s) request(s) an order extending the auto-matic stay, and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. There was one case of the debtor(s) previous to this case that was pending within the year preceding the commencement of this case but the previous case was dismissed. The case number of the previous case was \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. The reason for the dismissal was \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The debtor(s) seek(s) the continuation of the stay against all creditors *OR*  the following creditors: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. This case was commenced in good faith, as shown by the following facts: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**VERIFICATION**  
[*optional*]

The undersigned declare(s) under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing motion are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[*signature*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[*date*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[*signature*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[*date*]

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*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]



**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER EXTENDING AUTOMATIC STAY UPON MOTION BY DEBTOR(S)**

This case is before the court on the motion of the debtor(s) to extend the automatic stay. After conducting a hearing on the motion, the court finds that this case was commenced in good faith. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the automatic stay shall continue in this case until further order of the court or until it expires by operation of law, effective as to all creditors [*or, if applicable*] the following creditors: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-402 AND O-402**

Local Rule 9013-1(h) does not authorize the use of the passive notice procedure for motions to impose a stay. However, Rule 9013-1(f)(2)(ii)(C) authorizes the setting of a hearing on as little as seven days' notice without permission from the court or on less than seven days' notice with the court's permission. If the hearing is set on less than seven days' notice, the court will determine at the hearing whether the notice and opportunity for hearing were appropriate in the particular circumstances. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(d)(3). Regarding the required methods of service of a motion to impose the stay, see Local Rule 9013-1(d)(3).

Note that § 362(c)(3)(B) requires that the hearing on a motion to extend the stay be completed within 30 days after the petition was filed. Thus, motions to extend the stay should be filed contemporaneously with the filing of the petition. The information to be inserted in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the motion form is required by Local Rule 4001-5(a). Note that, if the presumption of a lack of good faith arises, the presumption must be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence. 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(C).

Although the form indicates that the verification is optional, some judges require a verification, affidavit, or unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury. In addition, the verification (even if not required by the judge) may obviate the need for the debtor to testify at the hearing, at least if there is no opposition to the motion.

Sample Form O-402 may be completed and uploaded with the motion. The order, as well as the motion, must specify which creditors are proposed to be affected by the extension of the stay.

[Sample Form M-403]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

	)	
	)	
	)	No. _____
<b>Debtor(s)</b>	)	<b>Chapter</b> ____
	)	

**MOTION TO IMPOSE STAY**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:

A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested below, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(4)(B), the debtor(s) request(s) an order imposing a stay, and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. Two or more cases of the debtor(s) were pending within the year preceding the commencement of this case but were dismissed. The numbers of the previous cases and the reasons for their dismissal are as follows:

Case No.	Reason for Dismissal

2. The debtor(s) seek(s) the imposition of the stay against all creditors *OR*  the following creditors: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. This case was commenced in good faith. Although the case was presumptively filed not in good faith, the debtor(s) can present clear and convincing evidence of the following facts rebutting the presumption: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
 [insert attorney's name, office address,  
 telephone number, and bar number]

**VERIFICATION**  
*[optional]*

The undersigned declare(s) under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing motion are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[signature]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[date]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[signature]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[date]*

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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*[list of names, fax numbers, e-mail addresses, or addresses of entities served]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[insert attorney's name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]*

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

_____	)	
	)	
	)	<b>No.</b> _____
<b>Debtor(s)</b>	)	<b>Chapter</b> ____
	)	

**ORDER IMPOSING STAY**

This case is before the court on the motion of the debtor(s) to impose a stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(4)(B). After conducting a hearing on the motion, the court finds that this case was commenced in good faith. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the stay of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) is imposed, effective on the date of the entry of this order. The stay shall be effective as to all creditors [*or, if applicable*] the following creditors:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone  
number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-403 AND O-403**

Local Rule 9013-1(h) does not authorize the use of the passive notice procedure for motions to impose a stay. However, Rule 9013-1(f)(2)(ii)(C) authorizes the setting of a hearing on as little as seven days' notice without permission from the court or on less than seven days' notice with the court's permission. If the hearing is set on less than seven days' notice, the court will determine at the hearing whether the notice and opportunity for hearing were appropriate in the particular circumstances. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(d)(3). Regarding the required methods of service of a motion to impose the stay, see Local Rule 9013-1(d)(3).

The information to be inserted in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the motion form is required by Local Rule 4001-5(b). Note that there will always be a presumption of a lack of good faith when a motion to impose a stay (as opposed to a motion to extend the automatic stay) is filed, so the presumption must be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence.

Although the form indicates that the verification is optional, some judges require a verification, affidavit, or unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury. In addition, the verification (even if not required by the judge) may obviate the need for the debtor to testify at the hearing if no creditor or other party in interests objects.

Sample Form O-403 may be completed and uploaded with the motion. The order, as well as the motion, must specify which creditors are proposed to be affected by the imposition of the stay.

[Sample Form M-404P]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 7**

**TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO EXTEND AUTOMATIC STAY**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_ . If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

Pursuant to paragraph (2) of 11 U.S.C. § 362(h)(2) the trustee requests an order (i) extending the automatic stay, (ii) that the collateral described below remain property of the estate, (iii) providing appropriate adequate protection of the interest in such property, if any, held by the creditor identified below, and (iv) directing the debtor(s) to deliver any such collateral in the possession of the debtor(s) to the trustee. The trustee makes the following representations in support of this request:



1. The debtor(s) is an individual whose schedule of liabilities includes a debt secured by personal property of the estate, namely: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The security interest in such personal property is held or asserted by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The trustee believes that the debtor(s) may fail  to file a statement of intention with respect to the retention or surrender of such property in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 521(a)(2)(A) within 30 days after the date of the filing of the petition *OR*  to perform the stated intention with respect to such property in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 521(a)(2)(B) within 30 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors.

4. This motion is being filed before the applicable deadline specified in paragraph 2.

5. The personal property described above is of consequential value or benefit to the estate.

6. The interest of the creditor identified above in such property is receiving or may be accorded appropriate adequate protection by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

7. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form M-404H]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor(s)**

)  
)  
)  
)  
)

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 7**

**TRUSTEE’S MOTION TO EXTEND AUTOMATIC STAY**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:

A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

Pursuant to paragraph (2) of 11 U.S.C. § 362(h)(2) the trustee requests an order (i) extending the automatic stay, (ii) that the collateral described below remain property of the estate, (iii) providing appropriate adequate protection of the interest in such property, if any, held by the creditor identified below, and (iv) directing the debtor(s) to deliver any such collateral in the possession of the debtor(s) to the trustee. The trustee makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The debtor(s) is an individual whose schedule of liabilities includes a debt secured by personal property of the estate, namely: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The security interest in such personal property is held or asserted by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The trustee believes that the debtor(s) may fail  to file a statement of intention with respect to the retention or surrender of such property in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 521(a)(2)(A) within 30 days after the date of the filing of the petition *OR*  to perform the stated intention with respect to such property in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 521(a)(2)(B) within 30 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors.

4. This motion is being filed before the applicable deadline specified in paragraph 2.

5. The personal property described above is of consequential value or benefit to the estate.

6. The interest of the creditor identified above in such property is receiving or may be accorded appropriate adequate protection by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

7. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

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*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 7**

**ORDER EXTENDING AUTOMATIC STAY UPON MOTION BY TRUSTEE**

This case is before the court on the Trustee's Motion to Extend Automatic Stay. After conducting a hearing on the motion, the court finds that the personal property described in the motion is of consequential value or benefit to the estate. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the trustee's motion is granted. More particularly, it is ordered that 11 U.S.C. § 362(h)(1) does not apply. More particularly, it is ordered that the automatic stay shall not terminate with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ and that such property shall remain property of the estate until further order of the court. It is further ordered that the interest of \_\_\_\_\_ in such property, if any, is receiving or

will receive appropriate adequate protection as explained in the motion. It is further ordered that the debtor(s) shall deliver to the trustee any such property in the possession of the debtor(s).

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-404P, M-404H, AND O-404**

Section 362(h)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the automatic stay terminates and the collateral is no longer property of the estate if the debtor in a chapter 7 case fails on a timely basis either to file a statement of intention with respect to personal property subject to a security interest or to perform the stated intention. (Note that this provision applies to personal property only.) Upon the timely motion of the trustee and a showing that the property is of consequential value or benefit to the estate, however, the court may order that § 362(h)(1) does not apply. 11 U.S.C. § 362(h)(2).

Sample Form M-404P is designed to be used when the trustee wishes to utilize the passive notice procedure as authorized by Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(xx). Sample Form M-404H is designed to be used when the trustee does not desire to utilize the passive notice procedure. Regarding the notice of hearing, the hearing must be scheduled 21-40 days after service of the motion and notice. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(f)(2)(ii).

The collateral is to be described in paragraph 1 of either form motion and the secured creditor identified in paragraph 2. Paragraph 3 should be marked to indicate the reason the trustee is concerned that § 362(h)(1) will become effective, and paragraphs 4 and 5 state the condition(s) and ground(s) upon which the court may order the provision inapplicable.

Sample Form O-404 may be completed and uploaded with either form of motion. The first blank should be completed with a description of the personal property, and the second blank should be completed with the name of the secured creditor.

[Sample Form M-405P]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:** \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 ) **No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) **Chapter** \_\_\_\_  
**Debtor(s)** )

**MOTION TO AVOID NONPOSSESSORY, NON-  
PURCHASE-MONEY SECURITY INTEREST**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_ . If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

The debtor(s) request(s) an order avoiding the security interest described below, and makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The security interest is held by \_\_\_\_\_, and secures a debt in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The security interest is a nonpossessory, nonpurchase-money security interest.



2. The security interest encumbers property of a type listed in 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)(1)(B), which may be identified as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

3.  The property has been claimed as fully exempt.

*OR*

The fair market value of the property is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the property has been claimed as exempt to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Accordingly, the security interest impairs the exemption in the property [*if applicable*] to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [the amount of the security interest, less the difference between the two amounts stated in paragraph 3].

5. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

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[*list of names and addresses of entities served by mail*]

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form M-405H]

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

In re: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 ) No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) Chapter \_\_\_\_  
 Debtor(s) )

MOTION TO AVOID NONPOSSESSORY, NON-  
PURCHASE-MONEY SECURITY INTEREST

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:  
A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

The debtor(s) request(s) an order avoiding the security interest described below, and makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The security interest is held by \_\_\_\_\_, and secures a debt in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The security interest is a nonpossessory, nonpurchase-money security interest.

2. The security interest encumbers property of a type listed in 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)(1)(B), which may be identified as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3.  The property has been claimed as fully exempt.

*OR*

The fair market value of the property is \$\_\_\_\_\_ and the property has been claimed as exempt to the extent of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Accordingly, the security interest impairs the exemption in the property [*if applicable*] to the extent of \$\_\_\_\_\_ [the amount of the security interest, less the difference between the two amounts stated in paragraph 3].

5. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

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*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-405]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 ) **No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) **Chapter** \_\_\_\_  
**Debtor(s)** )

**ORDER AVOIDING NONPOSSESSORY, NON-  
PURCHASE-MONEY SECURITY INTEREST**

This case is before the court on a motion by the debtor(s) to avoid a nonpossessory, nonpurchase-money security interest held by \_\_\_\_\_ in personal property of a type listed in 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)(1)(B). It appears that the movant(s) is (are) entitled to the relief sought. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. More specifically, it is ordered that the fixing of the security interest described in the motion on the property described in the motion is hereby avoided [*whichever is applicable*] in its entirety [*or*] to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_..

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-405P, M-405H, AND O-405**

Sample Form M-405P is designed to be used to seek the avoidance of a nonpossessory, nonpurchase-money security interest in household goods or any of the other types of collateral listed in 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)(1)(B) when the movant does wish to utilize the passive notice procedure made available by Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(x). The objection period is 21 days. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h)(3). Sample Form M-405H is designed to be used when the movant does not desire to utilize the passive notice procedure. The hearing must be 21-40 days from the service of the motion. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(f)(2)(ii).

The name of the secured creditor and the amount of the debt should be inserted in paragraph 1 of either form of motion. The collateral should be described in paragraph 2, which also alleges that the collateral is of one of the types listed in the statute. In most cases, the first box in paragraph 3 should be marked. However, if the property is not claimed as exempt in its entirety, the second box should be marked and the value of the collateral and amount of the exemption should be inserted. In most cases, the last phrase of paragraph 4 should be omitted; however, if the property is not claimed as exempt in its entirety, the blank in paragraph 4 should be completed.

Because Bankruptcy Rule 4003(d) incorporates Rule 9014, mail service of a motion to avoid a nonpossessory, nonpurchase-money security interest must be sent in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 7004(b).

Sample Form O-405 may be completed and uploaded with either form of motion. The secured creditor's name should be inserted in the first blank. In most cases, the last phrase of the order should be omitted or stricken. However, if the property is not claimed as exempt in its entirety, the amount stated in paragraph 4 of the sample form motion may be inserted in the last phrase.

[Sample Form M-406P]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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)  
)  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**MOTION TO AVOID JUDICIAL LIEN**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING**

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_ . If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

The debtor(s) request(s) an order avoiding the judicial lien described below, and makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The judicial lien is held by \_\_\_\_\_ and is in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The lien does not secure a "domestic support obligation" as defined by 11 U.S.C. § 101(14A).

2. The judicial lien encumbers property that may be identified as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The property has been claimed as exempt to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The fair market value of the property is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The property is encumbered by the following liens (excluding liens that have been avoided), in addition to the judicial lien described above:

<b>Lienholder</b>	<b>Nature of Lien</b>	<b>Amount of Lien</b>

6. Thus, the total of the judicial lien (§ 1) plus the exemption (§ 3) plus the other unavoidable liens on the property (§ 5) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and that amount exceeds the value of the interest in the property that the debtor(s) would hold in the absence of any liens (§ 4) by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Impairment Amount”).

7. Accordingly, the judicial lien impairs the exemption  in full, because the Impairment Amount is greater than or equal to the amount of the judicial lien (§ 1) *OR*  to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, because the Impairment Amount is less than the amount of the judicial lien (§ 1).

8. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney’s name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [*or*] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]



[Sample Form M-406H]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

	)	
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	)	No. _____
<b>Debtor(s)</b>	)	<b>Chapter</b> ____
	)	

**MOTION TO AVOID JUDICIAL LIEN**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:

A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_m.,  
in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

The debtor(s) request(s) an order avoiding the judicial lien described below, and makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The judicial lien is held by \_\_\_\_\_ and is in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The lien does not secure a “domestic support obligation” as defined by 11 U.S.C. § 101(14A).

2. The judicial lien encumbers property that may be identified as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The property has been claimed as exempt to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The fair market value of the property is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The property is encumbered by the following liens (excluding liens that have been avoided), in addition to the judicial lien described above:

<b>Lienholder</b>	<b>Nature of Lien</b>	<b>Amount of Lien</b>

6. Thus, the total of the judicial lien (§ 1) plus the exemption (§ 3) plus the other unavoidable liens on the property (§ 5) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and that amount exceeds the value of the interest in the property that the debtor(s) would hold in the absence of any liens (§ 4) by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Impairment Amount”).

7. Accordingly, the judicial lien impairs the exemption  in full, because the Impairment Amount is greater than or equal to the amount of the judicial lien (§ 1) *OR*  to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, because the Impairment Amount is less than the amount of the judicial lien (§ 1).

8. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney’s name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

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foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [or]

on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-406]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
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 )  
**Debtor(s)** )  
 )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER AVOIDING JUDICIAL LIEN**

This case is before the court on a motion by the debtor(s) to avoid the judicial lien of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. It appears that the movant(s) is (are) entitled to the relief  
sought. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. More specifically, it is ordered that the fixing of the  
judicial lien described in the motion on the property described in the motion is hereby avoided  
[*whichever is applicable*] in its entirety [or] to the extent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-406P, M-406H, AND O-406**

Sample Form M-406P is designed to be used to seek the avoidance of a judicial lien pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)(1)(A) and Local Rule 4003-2 when the movant wishes to utilize the passive notice procedure made available by Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(x). The objection period is 21 days. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h)(3). Sample Form M-406H is designed for use when the movant does not desire to utilize the passive notice procedure. The hearing must be 21-40 days from the service of the motion. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(f)(2)(ii).

The information to be inserted in the first sentence of paragraph 1 of either form motion is required by Local Rule 4003-2(a)(1). The second sentence of that paragraph is derived from 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)(1)(A). The information to be inserted in paragraphs 2 and 4 is required by Local Rule 4003-2(a)(2). The information to be inserted in the chart in paragraph 5 is required by Local Rule 4003-2(a)(3). The amount of the exemption is to be inserted in paragraph 3 as required by Local Rule 4003-2(a)(4).

The computation set forth in paragraph 6 is derived from 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)(2)(A). If the amount of the judicial lien sought to be avoided is less than or equal to the “Impairment Amount” as defined in paragraph 6, the lien will be avoidable in its entirety and the first box in paragraph 7 should be marked. On the other hand, if the amount of the judicial lien is greater than the “Impairment Amount,” the lien will only be avoidable to the extent of the “Impairment Amount” and the second box in paragraph 7 should be marked and the “Impairment Amount” should be inserted on the blank following that box.

Because Bankruptcy Rule 4003(d) incorporates Rule 9014, mail service of a motion to avoid a judicial lien must be sent in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 7004(b).

Sample Form O-406 may be completed and uploaded with either form of motion. The secured creditor's name should be inserted in the first blank. If the amount of the judicial lien sought to be avoided is less than or equal to the "Impairment Amount" as defined in paragraph 6 of the sample form motion, the lien will be avoidable in its entirety and the last phrase of the order should be omitted. However, if the amount of the judicial lien is greater than the "Impairment Amount," the lien will only be avoidable to the extent of the "Impairment Amount" and that amount should be inserted in the last phrase of the order.

[Sample Form M-407A]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>  _____  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Debtor(s)</b></p>	) ) ) ) )	<b>No.</b> _____ <b>Chapter 7</b>
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**FIRST MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME FOR  
FILING REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT(S)**

The debtor(s) request(s) that the court enlarge the time for filing one or more reaffirmation agreements in this case until \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, which is not more than 30 days after the deadline for filing reaffirmation agreements prescribed by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4008(a), and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. This is the first such motion made by the debtor(s).
2. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [*or*] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]





procure the execution of each agreement are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*OR*

other grounds, namely \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date *[or]* on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-407]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 7**

**ORDER ENLARGING TIME FOR FILING  
REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT(S)**

This case is before the court on a motion by the debtor(s) to enlarge the time for filing one or more reaffirmation agreements in this case. It appears that there is cause for such relief.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. The time for filing reaffirmation agreements in this case is enlarged through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, and the Clerk is directed to delay entry of the discharge order in this case until after the expiration of that deadline.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone  
number, and bar number]

## **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-407A, M-407B, AND O-407**

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4008(a) includes a deadline for filing reaffirmation agreements of 60 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors. It is not always possible to obtain signatures on and to file reaffirmation agreements by that deadline, so the rule provides that “[t]he court may, at any time and in its discretion, enlarge the time to file a reaffirmation agreement. Local Rule 4008-1 was promulgated to implement that provision, and these forms were designed to comply with that local rule.

A motion to enlarge the time for filing reaffirmation agreements may be filed on an ex parte basis, E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(g)(1)(iv), and both sample form motions assume that attorneys will utilize that procedure. Sample Form M-407A is for use when making the first request for such an enlargement. Local Rule 4008-1(a) indicates that the first motion for a delay of not more than 30 days will ordinarily be granted without any showing. Sample Form M-407B may be used in making a second or subsequent request for an enlargement of the time for filing reaffirmation agreements.

The information to be inserted in paragraph 1 is required by Local Rule 4008-1(b)(2). The information to be inserted in the chart in paragraph 2 is required by Local Rule 4008-1(b)(2) and (3). Paragraph (4) of that subsection requires a statement of the grounds for a further or additional delay, which is provided by marking one of the boxes in paragraph 3 and inserting the appropriate information.

Sample Form O-407 may be completed and uploaded with either form of motion. The enlarged deadline requested should be inserted in the second paragraph of the order. If Sample Form M-407A is used, the deadline may not be extended to more than 30 days after the expiration of the original deadline for filing reaffirmation agreements. E.D. Tenn. LBR 4008-1(a).

[Sample Form M-408]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>  _____  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Debtor(s)</b></p>	) ) ) ) )	<b>No.</b> _____ <b>Chapter 13</b>
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**MOTION FOR HARDSHIP DISCHARGE**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:  
 A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
 in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

The debtor(s) request(s) an order granting a discharge even though payments under the confirmed plan have not been completed, and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. The failure to complete such payments is due to circumstances for which the debtor(s) should not justly be held accountable, namely: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Payments actually made to unsecured creditors in this case total \$\_\_\_\_\_, while the total value of assets of the estate after deducting liens and exemptions is \$\_\_\_\_\_. Accordingly, the value, as of the effective date of the plan, of property actually distributed under the plan on account of each allowed unsecured claim is not less than the amount that would have been paid on such claim if the estate had been liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on such date.

3. Modification of the plan under 11 U.S.C. § 1329 is not practicable, because \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The debtor(s)  has completed an instructional course concerning personal financial management as required by 11 U.S.C. § 1328(g) and filed a statement regarding the completion of such course as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(b)(7) *OR*  understands that such a course must be completed and such a statement in the form prescribed by Official Form No. 423 must be filed before a discharge order may be entered.

5. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [*or*] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]



[Sample Form O-408A]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 13**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR HARDSHIP DISCHARGE**

This case is before the court on the motion of the debtor(s) for a hardship discharge. After conducting a hearing on the motion, the court finds and concludes that the relief sought should be granted. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the motion for a hardship discharge is granted. The debtor(s) having completed an instructional course concerning personal financial management in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1328(g) and filed a statement regarding the completion of such course in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(b)(7), the court will proceed to enter a separate discharge order.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone  
number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-408B]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
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 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 13**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR HARDSHIP DISCHARGE**

This case is before the court on the motion of the debtor(s) for a hardship discharge. After conducting a hearing on the motion, the court finds that the requirements for granting a hardship discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1328(b) have been satisfied.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that a hardship discharge shall be granted, provided that the debtor(s) completes an instructional course concerning personal financial management as required by 11 U.S.C. § 1328(g) and files a statement regarding the completion of such course as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(b)(7). The debtor(s) should complete the course and file the statement in the form prescribed by Official Form No. 423 within the next 20 days. The failure

timely to file such certification may result in the closing of this case without the entry of a discharge.

Upon the filing of the certification, the court will enter a separate discharge order.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone  
number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-408, O-408A, AND O-408B**

Local Rule 9013-1(h) does not authorize the use of the passive notice procedure for a motion for a hardship discharge, so a hearing must be set on 21-40 days' notice. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(f)(2)(ii).

Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the motion form are derived from 11 U.S.C. § 1328(b)(1), (2), and (3), respectively. If the debtor has completed the required financial management course and filed the required statement, the first box in paragraph 4 should be marked and Sample Form O-408A may be uploaded with the motion. If the debtor has not yet completed the course or has not filed the statement, the second box in paragraph 4 should be marked and Sample Form O-408B may be uploaded with the motion. In the former event, the clerk will generally enter the discharge promptly upon entry of the order granting the motion; in the latter event, the clerk will wait until the certificate is filed before entering the discharge.

[Sample Form M-501A]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>	)	
	)	
	)	<b>No.</b> _____
<b>Debtor(s)</b>	)	<b>Chapter 13</b>

**MOTION TO DETERMINE FINAL CURE AND PAYMENT**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

The debtor(s) request(s) that the court determine that the default under the residential mortgage loan had been cured as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ , and that all required postpetition amounts due as of that date had been paid, and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the holder of the residential mortgage loan.
2. On the date set forth above, the trustee gave the holder the notice required by Fed. R.

Bankr. P. 3002.1(f).

3. On \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_, the holder of the residential mortgage loan filed a response pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(g) indicating that the holder agrees that the debtor(s) had paid in full the amount required to cure the default on its mortgage claim, and that it does not contend that any required cure or postpetition amounts remained unpaid, as of the date of the trustee's notice.

4. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper was served electronically on the following on this date [*or*]  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_:

*[list of names of entities served electronically]*

I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following  
addresses, on this date [*or*] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form M-501B]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>	)	
	)	
	)	<b>No.</b> _____
<b>Debtor(s)</b>	)	<b>Chapter 13</b>

**MOTION TO DETERMINE FINAL CURE AND PAYMENT**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

The debtor(s) request(s) that the court determine that the default under the residential mortgage loan had been cured as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, and that all required postpetition amounts due as of that date had been paid, and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the holder of the residential mortgage loan.
2. On the date set forth above, the trustee gave the holder the notice required by Fed. R.

Bankr. P. 3002.1(f).

3. The holder of the residential mortgage loan has not timely filed a response to the trustee's notice as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(g).

4. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper was served electronically on the following on this date *[or]*  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names of entities served electronically]*

I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following  
addresses, on this date *[or]* on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]





cure or postpetition amounts remain unpaid as of the date of its statement. The mortgage holder has filed a statement in response to the trustee's notice that indicates that the holder agrees that the amount required to cure the default on its mortgage claim had been paid in full, and that it does not contend that any required cure or postpetition amounts remained unpaid, as of the date of the trustee's notice.

Based on the mortgage holder's response to the trustee's notice and its failure to respond to the motion of the debtor(s), it is

ORDERED that the motion of the debtor(s) is granted and the court hereby determines that the default under the residential mortgage loan had been cured, and all required postpetition amounts had been paid, as of the date of the trustee's notice. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(h).

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-501B]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Debtor(s)**

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**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 13**

**ORDER DETERMINING FINAL CURE AND PAYMENT**

This case is before the court on the motion of the debtor(s) for a determination that the default under the residential mortgage loan had been cured as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, and that all required postpetition amounts due as of that date had been paid. On that date, the standing chapter 13 trustee filed a Notice to Mortgagee of Final Payment in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(f), stating that all amounts that were due in accordance with the confirmed plan to be paid on the debtor's residential mortgage loan had been paid. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(g) requires the mortgage holder to file a response within 21 days after the notice is given. The response must state (a) whether the mortgage holder agrees that the debtor has paid in full the amount required to cure the default on its mortgage claim, and (b) whether the mortgage holder contends that any required

cure or postpetition amounts remain unpaid as of the date of its statement. The mortgage holder has not filed a statement in response to the trustee's notice.

Based on the mortgage holder's failure to file a statement disclosing any prepetition or postpetition amounts that remain unpaid and its failure to respond to the debtor's motion, it is

ORDERED that the motion of the debtor(s) is granted and the court hereby determines that the default under the residential mortgage loan had been cured, and all required postpetition amounts had been paid, as of the date of the trustee's notice. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(h).

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-501A, M-501B, O-501A, AND O-501B**

Sample Forms M-501A and M-501B are designed for use when the trustee has given the notice of final cure payment required by Bankruptcy Rule 3002.1(f) and the debtor desires an order determining the accuracy of the trustee notice pursuant to Rule 3002.1(h). Form M-501A should be used if the mortgagee has responded by agreeing with the trustee's notice, and Form M-501B should be used if the mortgagee did not timely respond to the trustee's notice. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(g). Likewise, Sample Form O-501A should be used if the mortgagee has responded by agreeing with the trustee's notice (i.e., when the motion is in the form of M-501A), and Form O-501B should be used if the mortgagee did not timely respond to the trustee's notice (i.e., when the motion is in the form of M-501B).

The forms of motion assume that the debtor will utilize the court's passive notice procedure, which is made available by Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(xvi). If the trustee has not given the notice required by Bankruptcy

Rule 3002.1(f) and the debtor does so pursuant to the last sentence of that provision, Paragraph 2 of the form motion should be revised to change “trustee” to “debtor(s)” and the form order should be revised accordingly (by changing “standing chapter 13 trustee” to “debtor(s)” and changing “trustee’s notice” to “notice of the debtor(s)” all four places it appears in Sample Form O-501A or both places it appears in Sample Form O-501B). Adjustments should also be made to Sample Forms M-501A and O-501A when the mortgagee’s name as stated the trustee’s (or debtor’s) notice differs from the name as stated in the mortgagee’s response to the notice.

[Sample Form M-502]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
)  
)  
)  
)  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 13**

**MOTION FOR DETERMINATION REGARDING  
POSTPETITION FEES, EXPENSES, OR CHARGES**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING**

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

The debtor(s) request(s) an order determining that certain fees, expenses, or charges imposed by the creditor holding a security interest in the principal residence of the debtor(s) are not required by the underlying agreement and applicable nonbankruptcy law to cure a default or maintain payments in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1322(b)(5), and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. The creditor holding the security interest in the principal residence of the debtor(s) is

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. That creditor has filed a notice pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002.1(c) itemizing certain fees, expenses, or charges (i) that were incurred in connection with the claim after the bankruptcy case was commenced, and (ii) that the holder asserts are recoverable against the debtor(s) or against the principal residence of the debtor(s).

3. The debtor(s) contends that the following fees, expenses, or charges are not required by the underlying agreement and applicable nonbankruptcy law to cure a default or maintain payments in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1322(b)(5), for the following reasons:

Description of Fee, Expense, or Charge	Amount of Fee, Expense, or Charge	Reason Not Required by Agreement or Law	Citation to Provision of Agreement or to Law
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		

4. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [*or*] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]



[Sample Form O-502]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 13**

**ORDER MAKING DETERMINATION REGARDING  
POSTPETITION FEES, EXPENSES, OR CHARGES**

This case is before the court on a motion of the debtor(s) for an order determining that certain fees, expenses, or charges imposed by the creditor holding a security interest in the principal residence of the debtor(s) are not required by the underlying agreement and applicable nonbankruptcy law to cure a default or maintain payments in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1322(b)(5). It appears that the movant(s) is (are) entitled to the relief sought. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the court hereby determines that the following fees, expenses, or charges are not required by the underlying agreement and applicable nonbankruptcy law to cure a default or maintain payments in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1322(b)(5), for the following reasons:

Description of Fee, Expense, or Charge	Amount of Fee, Expense, or Charge	Reason Not Required by Agreement or Law	Citation to Provision of Agreement or to Law
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 [insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-502 AND O-502

Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(xvii) authorizes the use of the passive notice procedure with respect to motions of this type, and these sample forms assume that attorneys will continue to utilize that procedure. The objection period is 21 days. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h)(3). If the information to be inserted into the chart in Sample Form M-502 (which should also be inserted in the chart in Sample Form O-502 is too voluminous to insert into the chart, the information may appear in narrative form instead of in a chart, so long as all of the information required by the form is provided.

[Sample Form M-503]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**MOTION TO REOPEN CASE AND FOR LEAVE TO FILE DOMESTIC  
SUPPORT CERTIFICATION OR PROOF OF COMPLETION OF  
INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE IN PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_ . If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

The debtor(s) request(s) an order reopening this case and for leave to file  the domestic support certification required by 11 U.S.C. § 1328(a), or  proof of completion of an instructional course in personal financial management under 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(11) or 1328(g), and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. The filing fee for reopening the case has been paid or will be paid promptly after the filing of this motion.

2. The document described above  is being filed contemporaneously with this motion, or  will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

3. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date *[or]* on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-503]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER REOPENING CASE AND GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE DOMESTIC SUPPORT CERTIFICATION OR PROOF OF COMPLETION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE IN PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This case is before the court on a motion of the debtor(s) to reopen this case and for leave to file  the domestic support certification required by 11 U.S.C. § 1328(a), or  proof of completion of an instructional course in personal financial management under 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(11) or 1328(g). It appears that the movant(s) is (are) entitled to the relief sought. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. More specifically, it is ordered that this case is reopened; and it is further

ORDERED that the deadline for the debtor(s) to file the document described above is extended through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-503 AND O-503**

Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(xxi) authorizes the use of the passive notice procedure with respect to motions to reopen cases and for leave to file certain documents, and these sample forms assume that attorneys will continue to utilize that procedure. The objection period is 21 days. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h)(3). The appropriate box should be checked in the introductory paragraph of the motion and the order to indicate which document was not filed prior to the closing of the case. The appropriate box should be checked in Paragraph 2 of the motion to indicate whether the debtor has now filed the document or the debtor requires additional time to do so. The blank in the final paragraph of Sample Form O-502 should be completed with the date that the document was filed or, if additional time is desired, the extended deadline requested.

[Sample Form M-601]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
)  
)  
)  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF PROPERTY**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING**

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the sale proposed in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this notice was filed and serve a copy on the filer's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby give(s) notice of intent to sell the property described below in the manner and at the time stated below, and provides the following information in that regard:

1. The property to be sold may be described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The name and address of the proposed buyer are: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The purchase price is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and the estate or the debtor(s) will also receive the following additional consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The sale is to be made by:

Public sale. The sale will take place at \_\_\_\_\_ .m. on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.

*OR*

Private sale. The terms and conditions of the sale are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

5. [*any additional pertinent allegations*]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date [*or*] on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_:

[*list of names and addresses of entities served by mail*]

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert attorney's name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]



[Sample Form O-601]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER AUTHORIZING SALE OF PROPERTY**

\_\_\_\_\_ has filed a notice of intent to sell certain property, namely \_\_\_\_\_ for the consideration and under the terms and conditions stated in the notice. Either (i) no party in interest has filed a timely objection to the sale (or the objection has been withdrawn) and it appears that the sale is in the best interests of the estate, the debtor(s), and the creditors, or (ii) if a timely objection was filed, the court has conducted a hearing and determines that the sale is in the best interests of the estate, the debtor(s), and the creditors. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the sale of the property described above may proceed under the terms and conditions stated in the notice of sale. Within 14 days after the closing of the sale, a report of sale must be filed and served on the debtor, the trustee, and the United States trustee.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-601 AND O-601**

Sample Form M-601 is designed for use when a trustee or debtor proposes to sell property and either does not seek to sell the property free and clear of liens or other interests or will file a separate motion to sell the property free and clear. When the seller wishes to combine the notice of sale with a motion to sell free and clear, Sample Form M-602B may be used instead.

The passive notice procedure applies to notices of proposed sales, but a hearing must be scheduled with respect to a motion to sell free and clear (or a combined notice of sale and motion to sell free and clear). E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h)(1)(v). Another difference in procedure is that a notice of a proposed sale (or a combined notice of sale and motion to sell free and clear) must be sent to all creditors and parties in interest, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(a), 2002(a)(2), while a motion to sell free and clear need only be served on the entities holding the liens or other interests, *id.* R. 6004(c). Because Bankruptcy Rule 6004(c) incorporates Rule 9014, mail service of a motion to sell free and clear (or a combined notice of sale and motion to sell free and clear) must be sent in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 7004(b). Note that mail service on a debtor requires mailing both to the debtor's attorney and directly to the debtor. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004(b)(9). Yet another difference is that a filing fee is required for a motion to sell free and clear, but not for a notice of sale.

The information to be inserted in paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 is required by Bankruptcy Rule 2002(c)(1) and Local Rule 6004-1(a)(1). The information to be inserted in paragraph 2 is required by Local Rule 6004-1(a)(2). The pertinent box in paragraph 4 should be marked or the irrelevant clause omitted.

If an order is desired, Sample Form O-601 may be completed and uploaded with the notice. The name of the seller and a description of the property being sold should be inserted in the first paragraph of the order. The last sentence of the order reiterates the requirement set forth in Local Rule 6004-1(c).

[Sample Form M-602A]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>  _____  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Debtor(s)</b></p>	) ) ) ) )	<b>No.</b> _____ <b>Chapter</b> ____
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**MOTION TO SELL PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR**

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that:  
 A hearing will be held on this matter on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.m.,  
 in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ TN.

**If you do not want the court to grant the relief requested, you or your attorney must attend this hearing. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought and may enter an order granting this motion.**

\_\_\_\_\_ request(s) an order authorizing the sale of the property described below free and clear of the interest(s) in such property described below, and makes the following representations in support of this request:

1. The property to be sold may be described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Those holding interests in the property, the nature of their interests, and the amounts of their claims are as follows:

Interest Holder	Description of Interest	Amount of Claim	Ground: 363(f)___

If the ground for selling the property free and clear of an interest is something other than that the interest holder consents to the sale, the movant(s) provide(s) the following additional explanation:

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3. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 [insert attorney's name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date *[or]* on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]



3. The purchase price is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and the estate or the debtor(s) will also receive the following additional consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The sale is to be made by:

Public sale. The sale will take place at \_\_\_\_\_ .m. on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at

\_\_\_\_\_.

*OR*

Private sale. The terms and conditions of the sale are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Those holding interests in the property, the nature of their interests, and the amounts of their claims are as follows:

<b>Interest Holder</b>	<b>Description of Interest</b>	<b>Amount of Claim</b>	<b>Ground: 363(f)___</b>

If the ground for selling the property free and clear of an interest is something other than that the interest holder consents to the sale, the movant(s) provide(s) the following additional explanation:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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6. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]



ORDERED that the sale of the property described above may be made free and clear of the interests of the entities identified above [*if appropriate*] with such interests to attach to the proceeds of the sale.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-602B]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )  
 )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** \_\_\_\_

**ORDER APPROVING SALE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING SALE FREE AND CLEAR**

This case is before the court on a motion filed by \_\_\_\_\_, which seeks authorization to sell certain property free and clear of the interests of \_\_\_\_\_, such property being \_\_\_\_\_, for the consideration and under the terms and conditions stated in the notice of sale filed by the movant(s). The court has conducted a hearing and determines that the movant(s) is (are) entitled to the relief sought. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the sale of the property described above may proceed under the terms and conditions stated in the notice of sale, and that the sale will be free and clear of the interests of the

entities identified above [*if appropriate*] with such interests to attach to the proceeds of the sale.

Within 14 days after the closing of the sale, a report of sale must be filed and served on the debtor, the trustee, and the United States trustee.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-602A, M-602B, O-602A, AND O-602B**

Sample Form M-602A is designed for use when a trustee or debtor proposes to sell property free and clear of liens or other interests and prepares a separate notice of the proposed sale. Sample Form M-602B may be used when the seller wishes to combine the notice with the motion.

The passive notice procedure applies to notices of proposed sales, but a hearing must be scheduled with respect to a motion to sell free and clear (or a combined notice of sale and motion to sell free and clear). E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h)(1)(v). Another difference in procedure is that a notice of a proposed sale (or a combined notice of sale and motion to sell free and clear) must be sent to all creditors and parties in interest, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(a), 2002(a)(2), while a motion to sell free and clear need only be served on the entities holding the liens or other interests, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(c). Because Bankruptcy Rule 6004(c) incorporates Rule 9014, mail service of a motion to sell free and clear (or a combined notice of sale and motion to sell free and clear) must be sent in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 7004(b). Accordingly, the certificate of service included either form motion should demonstrate service under Rule 7004(b). Yet another difference is that a filing fee is required for a motion to sell free and clear, but not for a notice of sale.

Regarding Sample Form M-602A, the information to be inserted in the chart in paragraph 2 is required by Local Rule 6004-1(b). The right column of the chart should state the particular subdivision of 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) – (1),

(2), (3), (4), or (5) – constituting the ground for selling the property free and clear of the interest, as required by Local Rule 6004-1(b)(3). If the ground is other than the one stated in § 363(f)(2), the facts giving rise to the right to sell free and clear of the interest should be inserted after the chart in paragraph 2.

Regarding Sample Form M-602B, the information to be inserted in paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 is required by Bankruptcy Rule 2002(c)(1) and Local Rule 6004-1(a)(1). The information to be inserted in paragraph 2 is required by Local Rule 6004-1(a)(2). The appropriate box in paragraph 4 should be marked or the irrelevant clause omitted. The information to be inserted in the chart in paragraph 5 is required by Local Rule 6004-1(b). The right column of the chart should state the particular subdivision of 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) – (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) – constituting the ground for selling the property free and clear of the interest as required by Local Rule 6004-1(b)(3). If the ground is other than the one stated in § 363(f)(2), the facts giving rise to the right to sell free and clear of the interest should be inserted after the chart in paragraph 5.

Sample Form O-602A may be completed and uploaded with Form M-602A. The order authorizes the sale free and clear but does not approve of the terms of the sale. Thus, an order in the form of Sample Form O-601 (if desired) should be uploaded with the notice of sale (Sample Form X-601), even if a motion to sell free and clear (Form M-602A) is filed separately (with an order in the form of Sample Form O-602A uploaded with the motion). The name of the movant, the names of the parties whose interests are proposed to be affected, and a description of the property being sold should be inserted in the first paragraph of the order. If the lien or other interest is not to be transferred to the sale proceeds, the phrase at the end of the first sentence of the second paragraph of the order should be omitted.

Sample Form O-602B may be completed and uploaded with Form M-602B. The order will both authorize the sale and authorize the sale free and clear, so a separate order is not required if the notice of sale is combined with the motion for sale free and clear. The name of the movant, the names of the parties whose interests are proposed to be affected, and a description of the property being sold should be inserted in the first paragraph of the order. If the lien or other interest is not to be transferred to the sale proceeds, the phrase at the end of the first sentence of the second paragraph of the order should

be omitted. The last sentence of the order reiterates the requirement set forth in Local Rule 6004-1(c).

[Sample Form M-603]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

<b>In re:</b>	)	
	)	
_____	)	<b>No.</b> _____
<b>Debtor(s)</b>	)	<b>Chapter 7</b>
	)	

**MOTION TO REDEEM**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at \_\_\_\_\_ TN \_\_\_\_\_, an objection within 21 days from the date this motion was filed and serve a copy on the movant's attorney, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

The debtor(s) request(s) an order authorizing the redemption of the property described below from the lien described below, and make(s) the following representations in support of this request:

1. The property proposed to be redeemed is described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. According to the debtor(s), the good faith estimate of the value of the property is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The property  has been abandoned OR  is exempt.



4. *[any additional pertinent allegations]*

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing paper will be served electronically on the entities specified in the Notice of Electronic Filing to be issued by the electronic case filing system. I further certify that the foregoing paper was served by mail on the following, at the following addresses, on this date *[or]* on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

*[list of names and addresses of entities served by mail]*

This the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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[insert attorney's name, office address,  
telephone number, and bar number]

[Sample Form O-603]

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In re:**

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 )  
**Debtor(s)** )

**No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter 7**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION**

This case is before the court on a motion of the debtor(s) to redeem certain property from a lien held by \_\_\_\_\_. It appears that the movant(s) is (are) entitled to the relief sought. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is granted. More specifically, it is ordered that the debtor(s) may redeem the property described in the motion from the lien described therein by paying the creditor the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in full at the time of redemption.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY:

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[insert name, office address, telephone number, and bar number]

### **COMMENT ON SAMPLE FORMS M-603 AND O-603**

Local Rule 9013-1(h)(1)(xi) authorizes the use of the passive notice procedure with respect to motions to redeem, and these sample forms assume that attorneys will continue to utilize that procedure. The objection period is 21 days. E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h)(3). The information to be inserted in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 is required by Local Rule 6008-1(a)(1), (2), and (3), respectively. Note that one of the two boxes in paragraph 3 should be marked or the irrelevant phrase omitted.

Sample Form O-603 may be completed and uploaded with the motion. The name of the secured creditor should be inserted in the first paragraph, and the redemption amount should be inserted in the second paragraph. The requirement of payment in full at the time of redemption was added to 11 U.S.C. § 722 by the Bankruptcy Abuse Protection and Consumer Protection Act of 2005.