

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE: CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT  
REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTESTED MATTERS

**EN BANC ORDER**

Under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7007.1, any non-governmental corporation that is a party to an adversary proceeding, other than the debtor, must file a corporate ownership statement that identifies any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stock or that states that there is no such corporation. The Committee Notes to Rule 7007.1 indicate that the information supplied by parties supports properly informed disqualification decisions under the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

Currently, however, there is no requirement for non-governmental corporations to file a corporate ownership statement in a contested matter before a bankruptcy judge in a non-adversary proceeding. The Court has charged the Bankruptcy Practice Committee to amend the Court's local rules to implement a requirement that any nongovernmental corporation must file a corporate ownership statement for all contested matters, similar to the requirement in Fed.

R. Bankr. P. 7007.1. This en banc order is intended to impose that requirement while the Bankruptcy Practice Committee works on a proposed local rule. This order takes effect for all contested matters filed on or after December 1, 2021.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

**(a) Required Disclosure.**

- (1) Any nongovernmental corporation that is a party to a contested matter in a bankruptcy case that is not an adversary proceeding must file a statement that identifies any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stock or states that there is no such corporation.
- (2) A contested matter is any motion, response to a motion, or objection that is filed in a bankruptcy case that is not an adversary proceeding.
- (3) The corporate ownership statement must be filed when the nongovernmental corporation files the motion, response to the motion, or objection.
- (4) The corporation ownership statement must be supplemented whenever the information required in part (a)(1) of this order changes.

**(b) Effective Date.** This order takes effect for any contested matter in a bankruptcy case that is filed on or after December 1, 2021.

**(c) Failure to comply.** The Court may issue an order to show cause for failure to comply with the requirements of this Order.

This order will be in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated: November 17, 2021

*/e/ Michael E. Ridgway*

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Michael E. Ridgway  
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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