United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Alabama Quarterly Bankruptcy Section Meeting, October 15, 2024

1. Judges Callaway and Oldshue

- Reaffirmations don't sign off if you don't think the agreement is in your client's best interest (the judges won't rat you out!)
- Student loan APs judges are requesting feedback
- Telephone appearances limited to two, email chambers by 2 p.m. the day before
- Case filings (see attached chart) slow increase
- Fran Hollinger's semi-retirement
- Service issues ramping up again; please talk with your staff, review memo on court website. Don't use certified mail where not required. Credit union is not a bank.
- Chapter 13 confirmation issues.
 - 1. Use withdrawal of objection instead of filing an amended plan if creditor is already treated.
 - 2. If you are amending plan, please do so by Monday so trustee can take case off Thursday confirmation docket if appropriate. Otherwise, you need to be present.
- Judge Callaway is not having dockets on October 23 or 24. Please let your clients know so they do not show up in court on those days. Judge Oldshue will hold his regular dockets on those days.
- Monday, November 25 confirmation docket
- Holiday party?
- Send CLE info to Jennifer Morgan

2. Troy Baas, Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

- New call-in teleconference lines effective November 12. Phone numbers are on court website.
- 3. Mark Zimlich, Bankruptcy Administrator
- 4. Chris Conte, Chapter 13 Trustee
 - Filings update
 - New ECF event for filing documents preconfirmation
- 5. Consumer committee Stephen Klimjack
- 6. Business committee Danielle Mashburn-Myrick
- 7. Open the floor
- 8. Next meeting January 14, 2025 jury assembly room, second floor of Federal Courthouse, with Microsoft Teams component. Silver Voit Garrett & Watkins is sponsoring.





