

Cooley Shrair Contributes to Committee on Massachusetts Local Bankruptcy Rules

This past fall I outlined some of the recent changes to the Massachusetts Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure which went into effect on December 1, 2009. Although it has only been a few weeks in terms of becoming acclimated to these new rules and using them in practice, there may already be questions about the language of the rules, what they actual mean, for what purpose they were implemented, and whether it is possible to make changes.

Beginning this month, I will be serving as a member on the Massachusetts Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules Advisory Committee providing Cooley, Shrair P.C. with an active voice in the rule-making process. The committee is a collaborative effort involving trustees, debtor and creditor attorneys, judges and judges' staff. This committee is responsible for reviewing and discussing comments regarding the local bankruptcy rules and for actually drafting any proposed changes to these rules.

I invite you to contact me with your concerns or suggestions regarding the local bankruptcy rules or to discuss how they affect your business practice. The new local rules and a red-lined version of the amendments to the local rules may be found at www.mab.uscourts.gov under the "Laws, Rules, Fees and Forms" section.

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Wishing you all a happy and healthy start to 2010.

Sincerely,



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