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**Notice of Administrative Order 08-03
Adopting Interim Rule 1007-I as a Local Rule
and
Amendment to Official Bankruptcy Form 22A**

Effective on December 19, 2008

On October 20, 2008, the President signed the **National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008**, Pub. L. No. 110-438. The Act provides a temporary exclusion from the bankruptcy means test for Reservists and members of the National Guard called for no less than 90 days to active duty or homeland defense activity following September 11, 2001. The amendment to section 707(b)(2)(D) of the Bankruptcy Code becomes effective on **December 19, 2008**, which is 60 days after enactment. The amendment applies only to cases commenced in the three-year period beginning on the effective date of the Act.

The Judicial Conference has recommended the adoption of proposed new **Interim Rule 1007-I** through local rule or standing order to implement the *National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008*, Pub. L. No. 110-438.

Effective **December 19, 2008**, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama entered **Administrative Order 08-03**, entitled *Administrative Order for the Adoption of Interim Rule 1007-I*. A copy of this order has been posted on our Court's website under *Announcements, Court News, and Administrative Orders*.

To view Administrative Order 08-03 in its entirety, click on the link below.
<http://www.alnb.uscourts.gov/forms/admin0803.pdf>

Also effective on **December 19, 2008**, the Judicial Conference has approved an amendment to Official Bankruptcy Form 22A, *Statement of Current Monthly Income and Means Test Calculation*, which includes a new Part 1C where qualifying debtors can invoke the temporary exclusion from the means test. Please ensure your forms are in compliance.

Two new docket events have been added to CM/ECF due to the implementation of this Act: *Statement of Debtor's Temporary Exclusion from Means Test*, and *Release from Active Duty*. Please see [Practice Pointer #10](#) for additional information regarding these events.

Information regarding Interim Rule 1007-I and Official Form 22A is available on the U.S. Court's web site at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/bankform/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact us at ecftrain@alnb.uscourts.gov.