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GR 7. BANKRUPTCY CASES, PROCEEDINGS AND APPEALS

Part I. Referral of Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings.

1.01 *Cases and Proceedings Under Title 11, United States Code.* This court hereby refers to the bankruptcy judges of this district all cases under Title 11, and all proceedings arising under Title 11 or arising in or related to cases under Title 11.

1.02 *Cases and Proceedings Under the Bankruptcy Act of 1898.* The bankruptcy judges of this district shall hear and determine cases and proceedings arising under the Bankruptcy Act of 1898, as amended, pursuant to section 403(a) of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978.

Part II. Bankruptcy Appeals.

2.01 Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

(a) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(b)(2), this court hereby authorizes a bankruptcy appellate panel to hear and determine appeals from judgments, orders, and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges from this district, subject to the limitations set forth in subparagraphs (b) through (d).

(b) The bankruptcy appellate panel may hear and determine only those appeals in which all parties to the appeal consent thereto pursuant to paragraph 2.02 of this order.

(c) The bankruptcy appellate panel may hear and determine appeals from final judgments, orders, and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges and, with leave of the bankruptcy appellate panel, appeals from interlocutory orders and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges.

(d) The bankruptcy appellate panel may hear and determine appeals from judgments, orders, and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges after July 20, 1984, and appeals transferred to this court from the previous Ninth Circuit bankruptcy appellate panel by section 115(b) of The Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984, PL 98-353. The bankruptcy appellate panel may not hear and determine appeals from judgments, orders, and decrees entered by bankruptcy judges between December 25, 1982, and July 10, 1984, under the Emergency Bankruptcy Rule of this district.

2.02 Form and Time of Consent.

(a) The consent of a party to allow an appeal to be heard and determined by the bankruptcy appellate panel shall be deemed to have been given unless written objection thereto is timely made in accordance with the Orders Establishing and Continuing the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit.

2.03 Rules Governing Bankruptcy Appeals.

(a) Practice in such bankruptcy appeals as may come before this district shall be governed by Part VIII of the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, except as provided in this order or in rules subsequently adopted by this district court.

(b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), the time for filing appellant's, appellee's, and reply briefs for consideration by the district court shall be 40 days, 30 days, and 14 days, respectively, in lieu of the time limits specified in Rule 8009(a) of the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure; provided, however, that the district court or the bankruptcy appellate panel may shorten these time limits in appropriate cases.

(c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), unless otherwise ordered by the court, appellant's and appellee's initial briefs shall not exceed thirty pages, and appellant's reply brief shall not exceed twenty pages.