



Notice to Practitioners, Santa Ana Division

Regarding Requirement for Timely Filing of Status Conference Reports in Adversary Proceedings and Imposition of Sanctions

The Judges of the Santa Ana Division have noticed a steady increase in the number of parties failing to file either timely or at all the status conference reports required under Local Bankruptcy Rule 7016-1(a)(2). The Rule requires a filing of the status conference report *at least 14 days* before the status conference and provides for imposition of sanctions under Local Rule 7016-1(f) for noncompliance. Until now the Judges have merely exhorted practitioners to remember the Rule and have threatened imposition of sanctions for non-compliance, but have rarely actually imposed sanctions. However, these measures appear to have been ineffective. Failure to abide by the Rule severely interferes with the processes of the Court and last-minute filing of status conference reports imposes an undue burden on the Court and its staff. **Therefore, please take notice that commencing January 2009 sanctions will be imposed** as the rule rather than the exception for failure to comply with Local Rule 7016-1.