

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

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**BANKRUPTCY REFORM LEGISLATION**

The new bankruptcy reform legislation impacts many areas in the bankruptcy system, including rules, forms, fees, court procedures, accounting procedures, and CM/ECF changes, and more. The Administrative Office is working to address these new issues and provide support for the clerks' offices in implementing the new law.

In addition, the Administrative Office has created a Bankruptcy Reform Legislation Working Group to assist in identifying added tasks required by the new law, alternative approaches for accomplishing this work, and how much time will be required to complete these tasks.

Passage of the Bankruptcy Reform Act also requires changes in the bankruptcy rules and forms. The Bankruptcy Rules Committee is reviewing the legislation, updating materials prepared while the bill was pending, and identifying areas where amendments to the forms and rules are needed. The Committee hopes to have interim rules and forms ready for use by the courts and forms published at least 60 days before October 17, 2005, the general effective date of the bill.

In an effort to keep you informed, our office has added a page to our website titled *Bankruptcy Reform*. This page will provide updates and information as published. Please check our website periodically for upcoming news regarding the new legislation.

<http://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/reform/>

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