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PREFACE

This publication contains the current Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C.A.) and related provisions of the United States Code Titles 18 and 28. Although several bills related to bankruptcy have been introduced in the current Congress, there is no indication at this time of when or if specific bills will be enacted.

This 2025 edition includes the most recent Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee schedule, effective December 1, 2023, following 28 U.S.C.A. § 1930, along with the most recent Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2020, following 28 U.S.C.A. §§ 1913 and 1930 and the most recent Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, effective December 1, 2023, following 28 U.S.C.A. § 1913. Revised and new Official Forms and Administrative Office Forms effective in 2024 are also included.

Judge William H. Brown and Lawrence R. Ahern, III prepared the “Bankruptcy Highlights” feature, in which they discuss recent bankruptcy law developments, including 2024 amendments to the Federal Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Official and Director’s Bankruptcy Forms, adjustments to various dollar amounts, and recent Supreme Court and Circuit Court decisions relevant to bankruptcy practitioners.

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Evidence, as amended, have been included to provide the practitioner with a “single source” reference for current bankruptcy laws, rules and forms. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure govern adversary proceedings under Part VII and contested matters under Part IX of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Bankruptcy Rule 9017 provides that the Federal Rules of Evidence govern evidentiary matters in bankruptcy proceedings.

The Department of Justice regulations relating to the United States Trustees—including United States Trustee Guidelines for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C.A. § 330—are included, as well.

For comprehensive coverage of all aspects of bankruptcy law, see *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*. The *Bankruptcy Code Manual* by Donna Larsen Holleran contains a section-by-section explanation of Title 11. The *Bankruptcy Procedure Manual* by Lawrence R. Ahern, III and Nancy Fraas MacLean provides comprehensive commentary and practical advice relating to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Applications of the Federal Rules of Evidence in bankruptcy proceedings are treated in the *Bankruptcy Evidence Manual* by Judge Barry Russell. The *Bankruptcy Exemption Manual* by Judge William H. Brown and William L. Norton III discusses the use of state and federal exemptions to shelter assets in bankruptcy, and contains a detailed comparison of each state’s exemptions. Additional bankruptcy forms and commentary are provided in Volumes 6 and 6A of *West’s Federal Forms* (by Hon. William Houston Brown, Lawrence R. Ahern, III and Nancy Fraas MacLean) and in Volumes 9 and 9A of *West’s Legal Forms* (by Judge William H. Brown, Lawrence R. Ahern, III and Nancy Fraas MacLean). *The Law of Debtors and Creditors* by Judge William H. Brown, Lawrence R. Ahern, III, and Christopher Cahill is a three-volume treatise that covers all aspects of the debtor-creditor relationship—from both points of view—and offers in-depth analysis of questions arising in bankruptcy, debt collection, consumer credit, and secured transactions.

For researching bankruptcy cases, see West’s Bankruptcy Reporter and West’s Bankruptcy Digest. Cross-references to the West Key Number System are provided throughout this 2025 Edition.

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