#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re:

Sanctioned Automotive Group, LLC, Debtor.

Sanctioned Automotive Group, LLC ,
Plaintiff,

v.

Casual Investments, LLC and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. LA13-30217-ER Adv. No. AD13-01983-ER

Chapter 7

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CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
Central District of California

BY gonzalez DEPUTY CLERK

SCHEDULING ORDER RE: STATUS CONFERENCE

This adversary proceeding having been assigned to the undersigned judge, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The following dates shall apply to this proceeding:

Status Conference: <u>1-9-2014 at 10:00 a.m.</u>

Discovery cutoff: 5-30-2014

Pretrial: 6-5-2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Trial is scheduled for the week of: 7-28-2014 at 9:00 a.m.

- 2. Unless otherwise ordered, the status conference and pretrial shall be conducted by telephone conference. All requests to conduct the status conference and/or pretrial in person shall be made in a written application filed with the court and served upon the parties not later than 5 court days prior to the status conference and pretrial.
- 3. This order applies to counsel for all parties and persons not represented by counsel. ALL COUNSEL AND PARTIES MUST COMPLY WITH LOCAL RULE 7016-1(a) (2)

WHICH REQUIRES FILING A JOINT STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT OR A UNILATERAL

STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT AT LEAST TEN COURT DAYS BEFORE THE STATUS

CONFERENCE. IF NOT SO SERVED, OR SERVED LATE, THE COURT SHALL SUA SPONTE

CONTINUE THE STATUS CONFERENCE TO THE NEXT MONTH AND ALL OTHER DATES SHALL BE

VACATED, IN ADDITION TO SUCH SANCTIONS AS THE COURT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

4. Unless otherwise ordered, all applicable Local Bankruptcy Rules continue to

apply as set forth in the EARLY MEETING OF COUNSEL, JOINT STATUS CONFERENCE

INSTRUCTIONS, which is attached and incorporated herein by this reference. In

particular, all parties shall review General Order No. 95-01 ("Adoption of

Mediation Program for Bankruptcy Cases and Adversary Proceedings").

5. Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this order as well as the EARLY MEETING OF

COUNSEL, JOINT STATUS CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS on all parties along with the

summons and complaint. PROOF OF SERVICE OF THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT MUST

INDICATE THAT SUCH COPIES WERE SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ORDER.

Date: October 9, 2013

Ernest M. Robles

United States Bankruptcy Judge

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I hereby certify that I sent a copy of the above  $\underline{\text{SCHEDULING ORDER RE: STATUS CONFERENCE}}$  to the parties listed below on 10/9/2013.

John P Schafer

The Schafer Law Firm P.C. 2725 West Coast Hwy Newport Beach, CA 92663-4723

> <u>Lydia Gonzalez</u> Deputy Clerk

### REVISED EARLY MEETING OF COUNSEL, JOINT STATUS CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE COPY OF THE COMPLAINT SERVED UPON EACH PARTY, AND THE PROOF OF SERVICE OF THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT MUST INDICATE THAT SUCH COPY WAS SERVED THEREWITH.
- 2. These instructions apply  $\underline{\text{only}}$  to parties represented by counsel. If you do not have an attorney you must appear at the status conference in person.
- 3. This status conference will be conducted **by telephone** at the date and time shown on the summons. Telephone appearances for status conference will be arranged through  $Court\ Call^{\text{TM}}$  pursuant to the attached Instructions for Telephonic Appearances. Court Call is an independent conference call company that arranges conference calls on a national and international basis for business. It has no business connection with this court.
- 4. If the proceeding involves money or property exceeding \$10,000.00 or if the plaintiff believes trial time will be four hours or more, plaintiff must serve, with the summons and complaint, a notice that compliance with **Local Rule 7026-1** is required. Plaintiff must also file proof of service of the notice with proof of service of the summons and complaint.
- 5. If Local Rule 7026-1 applies, counsel for the parties MUST TIMELY MEET TO DISCUSS SETTLEMENT AND TO EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS, OTHER EVIDENCE, AND LISTS OF WITNESSES AND PRELIMINARY DISCOVERY SCHEDULES AS PROVIDED IN SAID RULE.
- 6. Unless all <u>defendants</u> have defaulted, the parties shall file a Form F7016.1.1 Joint Status Report pursuant to **Local Rule 7016-1**(a) (2) at least 14 days before the date of the status conference. If **Local Rule 7026-1** applies, the parties must include in the Joint Status Report a statement that they have met to discuss settlement and have exchanged documents, other evidence, lists of witnesses and preliminary discovery schedules. If the parties request dates for discovery cut-off, pre-trial or trial other than those ordered herein, this request shall be made in the Joint Status Report.
- 7. If no response to the complaint is timely filed, plaintiff may request entry of default by the clerk or by the court. Plaintiff may also request entry of a default judgment by filing and serving an appropriate motion, see FRBP Rule 7055 and Local Rule 7055.
- 8. If the parties dispute whether the adversary proceeding is "core" or "non-core," they shall file points and authorities in support of their positions. Any party that contends the proceeding is "non-core" shall file and serve its points and authorities at least 14 days before the status conference. Any response must be filed and served at least seven days before the status conference.
- 9. Failure to comply with these instructions including the failure to timely file a joint status report will subject the responsible party to monetary sanctions, without a further hearing.
- 10. Failure of counsel for any party to appear at a status conference or pretrial conference may be considered an abandonment or failure to prosecute or

defend diligently and the proceeding may be dismissed or judgment entered against the defaulting party without a further hearing.

11. Plaintiffs demanding trial by jury in the bankruptcy court shall file a demand with their complaint. All other parties stipulating to trial by jury in the bankruptcy court should file their stipulation not later than the date of the status conference.

HON. ERNEST M. ROBLES
United States Bankruptcy Judge

### AMENDED ORDER RE TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE IN ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS

This proceeding having been assigned to Judge Ernest M. Robles, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Unless otherwise ordered all status conferences and continued status conferences ("Conferences") in this proceeding shall be conducted by telephone. However, any party or counsel may appear in person if they wish. As set forth in paragraph six below, if you do not have counsel you must appear in person at the status conference.
- 2. Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this order on all defendants, together with the summons and complaint. The return proof of service shall indicate such service. In continued status conferences and pre-trials, plaintiff shall serve a copy of this order together with plaintiff's notice of continued hearing.
- 3. Any settlement stipulations or default judgments shall be filed with the Court at least 7 days before the status conference or pretrial. If the orders are not timely filed, all parties must appear. Parties submitting late stipulations or default judgments may be subject to Court Call's regular charges even if the hearing never takes place.
- 4. Unless otherwise ordered, all applicable Local Bankruptcy Rules remain in force. In particular, all parties and counsel are encouraged to review Local Bankruptcy Rules 7026-1 (early meeting of counsel) and 7016-1 (status conferences and pre-trial hearings), and (Second Amended) General Order No. 95-01 ("Adoption of Mediation Program for Bankruptcy Cases and Adversary Proceedings").
- 5. Except in instances where either the plaintiff or defendant are not represented by counsel, conference calls shall be initiated by counsel for the plaintiff and Court CallK shall coordinate such conference calls. Relevant instructions are attached. Court CallK is not affiliated with the U.S. Courts nor has the U.S. government contracted in any way with Court CallK. Payment for the conference call shall be the responsibility of the parties individually, unless the parties have agreed to other arrangements.
- 6. In cases where either the plaintiff or defendant are not represented by counsel the parties shall appear in person.

Ernest M. Robles
United States Bankruptcy Judge

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES For Judge Ernest Robles United States Bankruptcy Court, Los Angeles Division

Telephone appearances will be arranged through  $Court\ Call^{\text{TM}}$ . Court Call is an independent conference call company that arranges conference calls nationally for Courts.

It is counsel's responsibility to schedule their telephonic appearance at least 5 court days prior to the hearing date by contacting CourtCall at 866-582-6878 or via internet by registering at www.courtcall.com.

Participants automatically scheduled by the Court for the monthly <u>adversary status</u> <u>conference or pre-trial conference calendar</u> will receive a call from a CourtCall Representative to confirm their telephonic appearance prior to the date of their hearing.

<u>Written confirmation</u> will be provided for each separate CourtCall Appearance. If you have not received a written Confirmation, prior to the hearing date, please contact CourtCall immediately or you may be precluded from the telephone calendar.

It is the participant's responsibility to dial into to their conference by using the 800 number provided by CourtCall. The CourtCall Operator will not dial out to connect a partipant.

Payment: CourtCall accepts 2 forms of payment:

- 1) Credit or Debit Card
- 2) CourtCall Debit Account
- \*\*\*Please contact CourtCall for more detailed information, not the Court.

Do not argue with Court Call or request special treatment. Court Call's function is no more than to offer you the opportunity to appear by telephone. Your election to appear by telephone constitutes your agreement for telephonic appearances.

At the time of the hearing, you will initially be placed in "Listen-only" mode and able to hear all proceedings just as if you were in the courtroom. Your line will be placed "Live" once the Judge calls your case. Each time a participant speaks to the Court, he or she must identify themself for the record. When the Judge informs the participants that the hearing is completed, the participants may disconnect and the next case will be called. Please remain on the line if you are appearing on multiple cases on the same calendar.

Telephonic appearances are connected directly with the courtroom's public address system and electronic recording equipment so that a normal record is produced. To ensure a quality record, the use of car phones, public telephone booths, or phones in other public places is **prohibited** except in the most extreme emergencies. Participants should be able to hear all parties without difficulty or echo. The system also allows more than one speaker to be heard so that the Judge can interrupt a speaker to ask a question or redirect the discussion.

Telephonic appearances by multiple participants are only possible when there is compliance with every procedural requirement. Sanctions may be imposed when there is any deviation from the required procedures or the Court determines that a person's conduct makes telephonic appearances inappropriate. Sanctions may include dropping a matter from calendar, continuing the hearing, proceeding in the absence

of an unavailable participant, a monetary sanction, or a permanent prohibition against a person appearing telephonically.



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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

JON D. CERETTO Executive Officer Clerk of Court

RE: REVISED INFORMATION REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION/PUBLIC COUNSEL BANKRUPTCY PRO BONO PROGRAM

The Los Angeles County Bar Association, in conjunction with Public Counsel, has implemented a Bankruptcy Pro Bono Program in the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley divisions. Currently, this program is available only for defendants in § 523 nondischargeability adversary proceedings who cannot afford an attorney. If the defendant cannot afford an attorney, he or she may apply for free legal representation with Public Counsel. All applicants will first be screened for eligibility. If found eligible, an attorney may be found who will represent the applicant in the § 523 non-dischargeability adversary proceeding free of charge.

To apply for legal representation under this program or for additional information, please contact Public Counsel. For contact information, please see the "Notice to Defendants of Availability of Los Angeles County Bar Association/Public Council Bankruptcy Pro Bono Program." The most current version of this notice can be obtained from our web site at www.cacb.uscourts.gov. To access the notice, double click on the "Pro Bono Program" button on the left-hand side of our web site. Then select the file named DAP.PDF. Do not contact the Clerk's Office for information regarding your eligibility for this program .

Plaintiffs in § 523 non-dischargeability adversary proceedings filed in the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley divisions will be required to serve a notice of the availability of the above program on the defendants along with the Summons and Notice of Status Conference and to provide proof of such service with the Court. A sample of the notice of the availability of the program is attached to this Public Notice.

JON D. CERETTO CLERK OF CLERK

### FREE LEGAL HELP

A creditor has sued you in bankruptcy court. You were served with a Summons and Complaint, and you must now file an Answer. If you do not file an Answer on time, the court may enter a default judgment against you. This means that your debt may not be discharged and you will be responsible for paying it back.

IF YOU CAN NOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, FREE LEGAL HELP MAY BE AVAILABLE.

For more information, call:

Public Counsel's

Debtor Assistance Project Hotline

(213) 385-2977, ext. 704



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