UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC CONCERNING MOTION FOR DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1328(i) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

Please be advised that the Consolidated Appropriations Act created a new subsection (i) of section 1328 of the Bankruptcy Code permitting a court, under certain circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, to grant a Chapter 13 discharge, even if the debtor is not current on no more than three residential mortgage payments. This type of request should be filed by motion with notice and hearing. An Order of Discharge under Section 1328(i) will be issued by the Court upon granting of such motion.

A new docket event, *Seeking a Discharge Pursuant to Section 1328(i)*, has been created in CM/ECF for the filing of this type of motion. The new docket event may be found in the Motions/Applications/Presentments category and is available for immediate use. Filers who do not properly utilize the *Seeking a Discharge Pursuant to Section 1328(i)* event in CM/ECF will be asked to resubmit the motion using the correct event.

Please continue to refer to the court's website, <u>https://www.nyeb.uscourts.gov/</u> for updates.

Dated: March 26, 2021

Robert A. Gavin, Jr., Clerk