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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ADOPTS NEW YORK STATE BAR STANDARDS OF CIVILITY TO GOVERN PRACTICE IN ALL CASES BEFORE THE COURT

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By General Order dated October 28, 2010, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York adopted the New York State Standards of Civility for the legal profession as guidelines for practice in all bankruptcy proceedings. These guidelines were developed by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, adopted by the New York State Bar House of Delegates, and incorporated as Appendix A to the Disciplinary Rules of the Code of Professional Responsibility at N.Y. Court Rules, Part 1200, Appendix A. These guidelines govern all attorneys admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York.

These guidelines are designed to set a standard of practice in the Court that will promote the professional, efficient, and effective practice of law and management and administration of cases in the bankruptcy process. As stated in the Preamble, "they are . . . intended to encourage lawyers, judges and court personnel to observe principles of civility and decorum, and to confirm the legal profession's rightful status as an honorable and respected profession where courtesy and civility are observed as a matter of course." The determination to adopt these guidelines was made by a committee of judges and lawyers as part of the Court's district-wide strategic planning process.

The adoption of these guidelines is intended to supplement the Bankruptcy Rules, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and particularly Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 and Bankruptcy Rule 9011, that govern the conduct of parties and participants in matters pending before the Court. These guidelines are also intended to supplement the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Eastern District of New York, including LBR 1007-3(b), 1073-2(c), 2017-1, 2090-2, 3015-3, and 9011-1. The Federal, Bankruptcy, and Local Rules continue to apply to practice before the Court and the remedies set forth therein remain unchanged.

Copies of the guidelines are available from the Clerk of Court and on the Court's website at http://www.nyeb.uscourts.gov/admin_orders/ord_568.pdf. Training with respect to the guidelines will be incorporated into the Court's electronic case filing training class, and continuing legal education credit will be provided.