

RULE 3007-1 - CLAIMS - OBJECTIONS

~~Unless otherwise provided for in this rule, the procedures for motions practice and contested matters set forth in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007, D. Me. LBR 9013-1, 9013-2, and 9014-1 govern objections to claims. The hearing date on an objection to claim shall be no less than (30) days from the filing of the objection, and the response date to such an objection shall be no less than thirty (30) days from the filing of the objection, and no later than three (3) business days prior to the date of the hearing. If a creditor timely responds to an objection to its claim, the initial hearing on the objection shall be a preliminary hearing, at which the parties shall appear and be prepared to discuss discovery, the need for evidentiary hearings, scheduling and compromise.~~

(a) General. The procedures established in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007 and D. Me. LBR 9013-1 and 9014-1 govern objections to claims. If a creditor timely responds to an objection to its claim, then the initial hearing on the objection shall be a preliminary hearing at which the parties shall appear and be prepared to discuss discovery, the need for evidentiary hearings, scheduling, and compromise.

(b) Chapter 13 Cases. The following rules also apply to objections to timely filed claims in Chapter 13 cases:

(1) *Deadline for Objections.* An objection to a claim under 11 U.S.C. § 502(b) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007 shall be filed within 30 days after the applicable deadline for the filing of such claim. An objection to a claim under 11 U.S.C. § 1305 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007 shall be filed within 30 days after the filing of the claim.

(2) Amendments to Claims. An objection to an amended claim shall be filed before the later of (a) 30 days after the filing of the amended claim or (b) the applicable deadline for filing objections to such claim as originally filed.

(3) Joinder of Claims Objections Permitted. Notwithstanding Fed. R. Bank. P. 3007(c), objections to more than one claim may be joined in a single objection.