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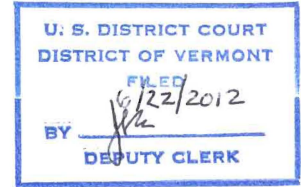
**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO
STANDING ORDER OF REFERENCE
RE: TITLE 11 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE**

The District of Vermont's Standing Order of Reference regarding all proceedings arising under Title 11 of the United States Code (the Bankruptcy Code) has been amended effective June 22, 2012.

Without specific reference to the Supreme Court's decision in *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S. Ct. 2594, 180 L. Ed. 2d 475 (2011), the Amended Order resolves the post-*Stern* debate as to whether 28 U.S.C. § 157(c), which authorizes a bankruptcy court to issue to the district court proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to non-core matters, permits the bankruptcy court to do so with respect to core matters that the bankruptcy court does not have constitutional authority to adjudicate (such as the state-law counterclaim at issue in *Stern*). As a result of the Amended Order, the bankruptcy court in the District of Vermont may treat such core claims as non-core claims insofar as it may hear the claim and propose findings of fact and conclusions of law to the district court.

**JEFFREY S. EATON
CLERK OF COURT**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF VERMONT



In the Matter of:)
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 Standing Order of Reference)
 Re: Title 11)
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AMENDED STANDING ORDER OF REFERENCE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(a), any or all cases under Title 11 and any or all proceedings arising under Title 11 or arising in or related to a case under Title 11, are referred to the bankruptcy judge for this district.

The district judge may treat any order of the bankruptcy court as proposed findings and conclusions of law in the event the district court concludes that the bankruptcy judge could not have entered a final order or judgment consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Rutland, in the District of Vermont, this 22nd day of June, 2012.



Christina Reiss, Chief Judge
United States District Court