

**May 20, 2002**

***NOTICE***

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BAR AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST

SUBJECT: Further Extension of Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code to January 1, 2003

On May 13, 2002, the President signed the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-171, 116 Stat. 134), which extends chapter 12 an additional seven months, from June 1, 2002, through January 1, 2003.

Public Law 107-171 further amends the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1999 (P.L. 105-277 (1998)), to read, in part, as follows (emphasis added):

(a) Chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code, as in effect on **May 31, 2002**, is hereby reenacted for the period beginning on **June 1, 2002**, and ending **January 1, 2003**.

(b) All cases commenced or pending under chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, as reenacted under subsection (a), and all matters and proceedings in or relating to such cases, shall be conducted and determined under such chapter as if such chapter were continued in effect after **January 1, 2003**.

The substantive rights of parties in connection with such cases, matters, and proceedings shall continue to be governed under the law applicable to such cases, matters, and proceedings as if such chapter were continued in effect after **January 1, 2003**.

Thus, the net effect of both bills, read conjunctively, is to extend chapter 12 retroactively from October 1, 2001 through January 1, 2003. The expiration and retroactive reenactment of chapter 12 do not affect cases pending under that chapter of the Bankruptcy Code as of September 30, 2001.