



Debtor-Defendant Representation

[Local Rule 2091-1](#) [1] Debtors Attorneys—Scope of Representation subsection (a) states:

(a) Scope of Representation. A debtor's attorney must represent the debtor in all aspects of the case, including the meeting of creditors, motions filed against the debtor, and post-confirmation matters. **The debtor's attorney must also represent the debtor in adversary proceedings filed against the debtor unless, pursuant to this rule, the Court has excused the attorney from this requirement. The scope of representation cannot be modified by agreement.**[emphasis added] The court may deny fees or otherwise discipline an attorney for violation of this rule.

CM/ECF has been modified to accommodate this local rule. The option to add an attorney for a defendant in an adversary proceeding is now available during the opening of the adversary proceeding. If the debtor is the defendant and is represented by counsel in the related bankruptcy case, Filing Users should click "Attorney" to add debtor's counsel from the bankruptcy case:

The screenshot shows the ECF system interface for entering defendant information. The form is titled "Defendant Information" and includes the following fields and options:

- Defendant Name: JOHN DEBTOR
- SSN / ITIN: XXXX-XX-5555
- Office: [Text Field]
- Address 1: 123 MAIN ST
- Address 2: [Text Field]
- Address 3: [Text Field]
- City: SALT LAKE CITY
- State: UT
- Zip: 84115
- County: [Dropdown Menu]
- Country: [Text Field]
- Phone: [Text Field]
- Fax: [Text Field]
- E-mail: [Text Field]
- Party text: [Text Field]
- Role in Bankruptcy Case: Debtor (selected)

Buttons at the bottom include: Attorney..., Alias..., Corporate parent / affiliate..., Review..., Submit, Cancel, and Clear. A note below the buttons reads: "Add all attorneys, aliases and corporate parents or affiliates before clicking the Submit button."

NOTE: Subsection (b) of [Local Rule 2091-1](#) [1] outlines the procedure debtor attorneys must follow to be relieved from the duty to represent debtors in adversary proceedings.

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