

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

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In re:)	Chapter 11
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GST, INC., ¹)	Case No. 25-12188 (KBO)
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Debtor.)	
)	Re: Docket No. 159
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**NOTICE OF DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF
PROOFS OF CLAIM, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 503(B)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

On December 11, 2025 (the “Petition Date”), GST, Inc. (the “Debtor”) filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code” and the case commenced thereunder, the “Chapter 11 Case”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”).

On March 31, 2026, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 159] (the “Bar Date Order”) establishing certain dates by which parties holding prepetition claims against the Debtor must file proofs of claim, including requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.²

For your convenience, enclosed with this notice (this “Bar Date Notice”) is a proof of claim form, which identifies on its face the amount, nature, and classification of your claim(s), if any, listed in the Debtor’s schedules of assets and liabilities (the “Schedules”) filed in this Chapter 11 Case.

As used in this Bar Date Notice, the term “entity” has the meaning given to it in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes all persons, estates, trusts, governmental units, and the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the “U.S. Trustee”). In addition, the terms “persons” and “governmental units” are defined in sections 101(41) and 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code, respectively.

¹ The last four digits of the Debtor’s taxpayer identification number are 1002. The Debtor’s corporate headquarters and service address is 322 Culver Boulevard, Suite 150, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293.

² Section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that there shall be allowed administrative expenses, including for “the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of a case under this title in which the goods have been sold to the debtor in the ordinary course of such debtor’s business.” 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(9).

As used in this Bar Date Notice, the term “claim” means, as to or against the Debtor and pursuant to section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

I. THE BAR DATES

The Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates for filing proofs of claim in this Chapter 11 Case.

- a. ***The General Bar Date.*** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, except as described below, **all entities holding claims against the Debtor that arose or are deemed to have arisen before the commencement of this Chapter 11 Case, including requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, are required to file proofs of claim by the General Bar Date so that such proofs of claim are actually received by the Debtor’s claims and noticing agent, Stretto, Inc. (“Stretto”), by the General Bar Date, (i.e., by April 24, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time).** The General Bar Date applies to all types of claims against the Debtor that arose before the Petition Date, including secured claims, unsecured priority claims, unsecured non-priority claims, contingent claims, unliquidated claims, disputed claims, and rejection damage claims for executory contracts and unexpired leases that have already been rejected by order of the Court in this Chapter 11 Case.
- a. ***The Governmental Bar Date.*** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, **all governmental units holding claims against the Debtor that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to the commencement of this Chapter 11 Case on the Petition Date are required to file proofs of claim by the Governmental Bar Date (i.e., by June 9, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time).** The Governmental Bar Date applies to all governmental units holding claims against the Debtor (whether secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority) that arose prior to the Petition Date, including, without limitation, governmental units with claims against the Debtor for unpaid taxes, whether such claims arise from prepetition tax years or periods or prepetition transactions to which the Debtor was a party. All governmental units holding such claims against the Debtor are required to file proofs of claim so that such proofs of claim are actually received by Stretto by the Governmental Bar Date.
- b. ***Amended Schedules Bar Date.*** If the Debtor amends or supplements its Schedules to reduce the undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated amount of a claim listed in the Schedules, to change the nature or classification of a claim against the Debtor reflected in the Schedules, or to add a new claim to the Schedules, the affected creditor, if such creditor so chooses, is required to file a proof of claim or amend any previously filed proof of claim in respect of the amended scheduled claim on or before the later of (a) the General Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as

applicable to such claim, and (b) 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on the date that is twenty-one (21) days from the date on which the Debtor provides notice of the amendment to the Schedules.

- c. ***Rejection Damages Bar Date.*** In the event that an order authorizing the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease is entered, except as otherwise set forth in such order, the bar date for filing a proof of claim based on the Debtor's rejection of such contract or lease shall be the later of (i) the General Bar Date, and (ii) 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on the date that is thirty (30) days after the later of (A) entry of an order approving the rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease of the Debtor or (B) the effective date of a rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease of the Debtor pursuant to operation of any Court order. All entities holding such claims against the Debtor are required to file proofs of claim so that such proofs of claim are actually received by Stretto by the applicable Rejection Damages Bar Date.

II. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the following entities holding claims against the Debtor that arose (or that are deemed to have arisen) before the Petition Date ***must*** file proofs of claim on or before the General Bar Date, Governmental Bar Date, or any other Bar Date set forth in the Bar Date Order, as applicable:

- a. any entity whose claim against the Debtor is not listed in the Schedules or is listed as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed if such entity desires to participate in any of this Chapter 11 Case or share in any distribution in this Chapter 11 Case;
- a. any entity that believes that its claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and that desires to have its claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules;
- b. any person or entity who asserts a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease of the Debtor and has not previously filed any such claim;
- c. any person or entity who asserts a claim against the Debtor arising from or relating to the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtor, including, without limitation, any equity security;
- d. any person or entity who asserts a claim arising from or relating to pending or threatened litigation against the Debtor, including any claim arising for alleged wage and hour violations or unfair business practices; and
- e. any entity that believes that its claim against the Debtor is or may be an administrative expense pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

III. PARTIES WHO DO NOT NEED TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM

Certain parties are not required to file proofs of claim. The Court may, however, enter one or more separate orders at a later time requiring creditors to file proofs of claim for some kinds of the following claims and setting related deadlines. If the Court does enter such an order, you will receive notice of it. The following entities holding claims that would otherwise be subject to the Bar Dates need *not* file proofs of claims:

- a. any entity that has already filed a signed proof of claim against the Debtor with the Clerk of the Court or with Stretto in a form substantially similar to Official Form 410, but only with respect to the particular claim that was properly filed against the Debtor;
- a. any entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules if: (i) the claim is not scheduled as any of “disputed,” “contingent,” or “unliquidated;” (ii) such entity agrees with the amount, nature, and priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules; and (iii) such entity does not dispute that its claim is an obligation of the Debtor;
- b. any entity whose claim has previously been allowed by order of the Court;
- c. any entity whose claim has been paid in full or is otherwise fully satisfied by the Debtor pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or pursuant to an order of the Court;
- d. a current employee of the Debtor, if an order of this Court authorized the Debtor to honor such claim in the ordinary course of business as a wage, commission, or benefit; *provided* that a current employee must submit a proof of claim by the General Bar Date for all other claims arising before the Petition Date, including (but not limited to) claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, and/or retaliation;
- e. any current officer, director, or employee for claims based on indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement;
- f. any entity holding a claim for which a separate deadline is fixed by this Court;
- g. any entity holding a claim allowable under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration incurred in the ordinary course, provided that any entity asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must assert such claims by filing a request for payment or a proof of claim on or prior to the General Bar Date;
- h. any person or entity that is exempt from filing a Proof of Claim pursuant to an order of the Court in this Chapter 11 Case, including, without limitation, the DIP Lender and the Prepetition Lender as set forth in the *Final Order (I) Authorizing the Debtor to (A) Obtain Senior Secured Postpetition Financing and (B) Use Cash Collateral; (II) Granting Liens and Superpriority Administrative Expense Status; (III) Granting Adequate Protection; (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay; and (V) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 94]; and

- i. the U.S. Trustee.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

The following requirements shall apply with respect to filing and preparing each proof of claim:

- a. Contents. Each proof of claim must: (i) be written in English; (ii) include a claim amount denominated in United States dollars using, if applicable, the exchange rate as of 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the Petition Date (and to the extent such claim is converted to United States dollars, state the rate used in such conversion); (iii) conform substantially with the Proof of Claim Form provided by the Debtor or Official Form 410; and (iv) be signed by the claimant or by an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant.
- b. Section 503(b)(9) Claim. Any proof of claim asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must also: (i) include the value of the goods delivered to and received by the Debtor in the twenty (20) days before the Petition Date; (ii) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which the 503(b)(9) claim is being asserted; and (iii) attach documentation of any reclamation demand made to the Debtor under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable).
- c. Original Signatures Required. Only **original** proofs of claim (whether submitted by hard copy or through the Online Portal at <https://cases.stretto.com/grandslamtrack/file-a-claim/>) will be deemed acceptable for purposes of claims administration. Copies of proofs of claim or proofs of claim sent by facsimile or electronic mail will not be accepted.
- d. Supporting Documentation. Each proof of claim must include supporting documentation pursuant Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d). If, however, such documentation is voluminous, such proof of claim may include a summary of such documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; *provided* that any creditor that includes only a summary of such documentation shall be required to transmit all such supporting documentation to the Debtor's counsel upon request no later than ten (10) days from the date of such request.
- e. Timely Service. Each proof of claim must be filed, including supporting documentation, so as to be **actually received** by Stretto on or before the General Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date (or, where applicable, on or before any other Bar Date as set forth herein or by order of the Court) either (i) electronically through the Online Portal at <https://cases.stretto.com/grandslamtrack/file-a-claim/> and by clicking on "Electronic Claims Filing" or (ii) by first-class mail or overnight mail at the following address:

**GST, Inc. Claims Processing
c/o Stretto
410 Exchange, Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92602**

**PROOFS OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR
ELECTRONIC MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

- f. Receipt of Service. Claimants wishing to receive acknowledgment that their paper proofs of claim were received by Stretto must submit (i) a copy of the Proof of Claim Form (in addition to the original Proof of Claim Form sent to Stretto) and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

V. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO TIMELY FILE YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM

Pursuant to the Bar Date Order and pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(2), if you or any party or entity who is required, but fails, to file a proof of claim in accordance with the Bar Date Order on or before the applicable Bar Date, please be advised that:

- a. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THIS CHAPTER 11 CASE ON ACCOUNT OF THAT CLAIM; AND
- b. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN FOR THE DEBTOR ON ACCOUNT OF THAT BARRED CLAIM OR RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CLAIM.

VI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained in this Bar Date Notice is intended to or should be construed as a waiver of the Debtor's right to: (a) dispute, or assert offsets or defenses against, any filed claim or any claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to the nature, amount, liability, or classification thereof; (b) subsequently designate any scheduled claim as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated; and (c) otherwise amend or supplement the Schedules.

VII. THE DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against the Debtor in the Debtor's Schedules. To determine if and how you are listed on the Schedules, please refer to the descriptions set forth on the enclosed Proof of Claim Form regarding the nature, amount, and status of your claim(s).

If you rely on the Debtor's Schedules, it is your responsibility to determine that the claim is accurately listed in the Schedules. However, you may rely on the enclosed form, which sets forth the amount of your claim (if any) as scheduled, specifies whether your claim is listed in the Schedules as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, and identifies whether your claim is scheduled as a secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority claim.

As described above, if you agree with the nature, amount, and status of your claim as listed in the Debtor's Schedules, and if your claim is not described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," you need *not* file a proof of claim. Otherwise, or if you decide to file a proof of claim, you must do so before the applicable Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Copies of the Debtor's Schedules, the Bar Date Order, and other information regarding this Chapter 11 Case are available for inspection free of charge on Stretto's website at <https://cases.stretto.com/grandslamtrack/>. The Schedules and other filings in this Chapter 11 Case also are available for a fee at the Court's website at <http://www.deb.uscourts.gov>. A login identification and password to the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records ("PACER") are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Copies of the Schedules and other documents filed in this Chapter 11 Case also may be examined between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

If you require additional information regarding the filing of a proof of claim, you may contact the Debtor's claims agent, Stretto, by (i) calling the Debtor's restructuring hotline at: (855) 511-0844 (Toll-Free) or +1 (626) 544-1812 (International), or (ii) emailing GSTInquiries@stretto.com.

A HOLDER OF A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THIS NOTICE, SUCH AS WHETHER THE HOLDER SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

Dated: March 31, 2026,
Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

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Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor: GST, Inc.	Case Number: 25-12188
United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware	

Official Form 410

Proof of Claim

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. **Who is the current creditor?**
 Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim) _____
 Other names the creditor used with the debtor _____

2. **Has this claim been acquired from someone else?**
 No
 Yes. From whom? _____

3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)
Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)	Name _____	Name _____
	Number _____ Street _____	Number _____ Street _____
	City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____	City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
	Contact phone _____	Contact phone _____
	Contact email _____	Contact email _____
	Uniform claim identifier (if you use one): _____	

4. **Does this claim amend one already filed?**
 No
 Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on MM / DD / YYYY

5. **Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?**
 No
 Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____

Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor? No
 Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: ____ _

7. How much is the claim? \$ _____. Does this amount include interest or other charges?
 No
 Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. What is the basis of the claim? Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.
 Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).
 Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.

9. Is all or part of the claim secured? No
 Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.

Nature of property:

Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.

Motor vehicle

Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____
 Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

Value of property: \$ _____

Amount of the claim that is secured: \$ _____

Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$ _____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$ _____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) _____ %

Fixed

Variable

10. Is this claim based on a lease? No
 Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$ _____

11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff? No
 Yes. Identify the property: _____

12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?

- No
 Yes. *Check one:*

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

- | | Amount entitled to priority |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B). | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$3,350* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$15,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5). | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(____) that applies. | \$ _____ |

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(3) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

- I am the creditor.
 I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.
 I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.
 I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date _____
 MM / DD / YYYY

 Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name _____
 First name Middle name Last name

Title _____

Company _____
 Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

Address _____
 Number Street

City State ZIP Code

Contact phone _____ Email _____

Official Form 410

Instructions for Proof of Claim

United States Bankruptcy Court

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These instructions and definitions generally explain the law. In certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases that debtors do not file voluntarily, exceptions to these general rules may apply. You should consider obtaining the advice of an attorney, especially if you are unfamiliar with the bankruptcy process and privacy regulations.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157 and 3571.

How to fill out this form

- Fill in all of the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed.
- Fill in the caption at the top of the form.
- If the claim has been acquired from someone else, then state the identity of the last party who owned the claim or was the holder of the claim and who transferred it to you before the initial claim was filed.
- Attach any supporting documents to this form. Attach redacted copies of any documents that show that the debt exists, a lien secures the debt, or both. (See the definition of *redaction* on the next page.)
Also attach redacted copies of any documents that show perfection of any security interest or any assignments or transfers of the debt. In addition to the documents, a summary may be added. Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (called “Bankruptcy Rule”) 3001(c) and (d).
- Do not attach original documents because attachments may be destroyed after scanning.
- If the claim is based on delivering health care goods or services, do not disclose confidential health care information. Leave out or redact confidential information both in the claim and in the attached documents.

- A *Proof of Claim* form and any attached documents must show only the last 4 digits of any social security number, individual’s tax identification number, or financial account number, and only the year of any person’s date of birth. See Bankruptcy Rule 9037.
- For a minor child, fill in only the child’s initials and the full name and address of the child’s parent or guardian. For example, write *A.B., a minor child (John Doe, parent, 123 Main St., City, State)*. See Bankruptcy Rule 9037.

Confirmation that the claim has been filed

To receive confirmation that the claim has been filed, either enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and a copy of this form or go to cases.stretto.com/GrandSlamTrack/claims/

Understand the terms used in this form

Administrative expense: Generally, an expense that arises after a bankruptcy case is filed in connection with operating, liquidating, or distributing the bankruptcy estate. 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Claim: A creditor’s right to receive payment for a debt that the debtor owed on the date the debtor filed for bankruptcy. 11 U.S.C. §101 (5). A claim may be secured or unsecured.

Creditor: A person, corporation, or other entity to whom a debtor owes a debt that was incurred on or before the date the debtor filed for bankruptcy. 11 U.S.C. §101 (10).

Debtor: A person, corporation, or other entity who is in bankruptcy. Use the debtor's name and case number as shown in the bankruptcy notice you received. 11 U.S.C. § 101 (13).

Evidence of perfection: Evidence of perfection of a security interest may include documents showing that a security interest has been filed or recorded, such as a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, or financing statement.

Information that is entitled to privacy: A *Proof of Claim* form and any attached documents must show only the last 4 digits of any social security number, an individual's tax identification number, or a financial account number, only the initials of a minor's name, and only the year of any person's date of birth. If a claim is based on delivering health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services to avoid embarrassment or disclosure of confidential health care information. You may later be required to give more information if the trustee or someone else in interest objects to the claim.

Priority claim: A claim within a category of unsecured claims that is entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. §507(a). These claims are paid from the available money or property in a bankruptcy case before other unsecured claims are paid. Common priority unsecured claims include alimony, child support, taxes, and certain unpaid wages.

Proof of claim: A form that shows the amount of debt the debtor owed to a creditor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. The form must be filed in the district where the case is pending.

Redaction of information: Masking, editing out, or deleting certain information to protect privacy. Filers must redact or leave out information entitled to **privacy** on the *Proof of Claim* form and any attached documents.

Secured claim under 11 U.S.C. §506(a): A claim backed by a lien on particular property of the debtor. A claim is secured to the extent that a creditor has the right to be paid from the property before other creditors are paid. The amount of a secured claim usually cannot be more than the value of the particular property on which the creditor has a lien. Any amount owed to a creditor that is more than the value of the property normally may be an unsecured claim. But exceptions exist; for example, see 11 U.S.C. § 1322(b) and the final sentence of 1325(a).

Examples of liens on property include a mortgage on real estate or a security interest in a car. A lien may be voluntarily granted by a debtor or may be obtained through a court proceeding. In some states, a court judgment may be a lien.

Setoff: Occurs when a creditor pays itself with money belonging to the debtor that it is holding, or by canceling a debt it owes to the debtor.

Uniform claim identifier: An optional 24-character identifier that some creditors use to facilitate payment.

Unsecured claim: A claim that does not meet the requirements of a secured claim. A claim may be unsecured in part to the extent that the amount of the claim is more than the value of the property on which a creditor has a lien.

Offers to purchase a claim

Certain entities purchase claims for an amount that is less than the face value of the claims. These entities may contact creditors offering to purchase their claims. Some written communications from these entities may easily be confused with official court documentation or communications from the debtor. These entities do not represent the bankruptcy court, the bankruptcy trustee, or the debtor. A creditor has no obligation to sell its claim. However, if a creditor decides to sell its claim, any transfer of that claim is subject to Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e), any provisions of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.) that apply, and any orders of the bankruptcy court that apply.

Do not file these instructions with your form.