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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL
OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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| 6 | In re: |) | BAP No. | WW-06-1320-SDR |
| 7 | RANDY GEE, |) | Bk. No. | 05-40433 |
| 8 | Debtor. |) | Adv. No. | 05-04195 |
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| 10 | RUTHIE PADILLA, |) | | |
| 11 | Appellant, |) | | |
| 12 | v. |) | MEMORANDUM¹ | |
| 13 | RANDY GEE, |) | | |
| 14 | Appellee. |) | | |
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Appeal from the United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Western District of Washington

Hon. Paul B. Snyder, Bankruptcy Judge, Presiding.

Before: SMITH, DUNN and RADCLIFFE,² Bankruptcy Judges.

¹ This disposition is not appropriate for publication. Although it may be cited for whatever persuasive value it may have (see Fed. R. App. P. 32.1), it has no precedential value. See 9th Cir. BAP Rule 8013-1.

² Hon. Albert E. Radcliffe, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Oregon, sitting by designation.

1 Following the reopening of the debtor's bankruptcy case, the
2 debtor initiated a preference action against a creditor who had
3 obtained funds through writs of garnishment. In connection with
4 the creditor's summary judgment motion, the court determined that
5 the debtor was entitled to recover \$619 out of the alleged
6 \$7,025.75 preferential transfer. A judgment awarding debtor this
7 amount plus pre- and post-judgment interest was entered on August
8 28, 2006. The creditor timely appealed. We AFFIRM in part and
9 VACATE and REMAND in part.

10 I. FACTS

11 In May 1999, Ruthie Padilla ("Padilla") entered into a
12 contract with Randy Gee ("Debtor") under which Debtor promised to
13 perform work on the hillside above Padilla's home. Debtor failed
14 to perform and, as a result, Padilla obtained a money judgment
15 against him in the amount of \$25,176.55 in state court on
16 September 14, 2001 ("Judgment").

17 Shortly after entry of the Judgment, Padilla entered into a
18 contingency fee agreement with attorney Ben Cushman for the
19 collection of the Judgment ("Agreement"). The arrangement
20 provided for a fee of up to 50% of the amount collected. The
21 Agreement did not, however,

22 obligate [Cushman] to undertake any representation of
23 [Padilla] in any appeal from a judgment[,] . . . any
24 bankruptcy proceeding or defense, or any other matter
25 than [the collection services]; and if such additional
representation is desired it will be subject to
separate agreements between these parties.

26 Id. at 141.

27 On November 25, 2003, Debtor sued Thomas and Laura Skillings
28 (the "Skillings") for nonpayment on a demolition contract. The

1 Skillings cross-complained against Debtor for damages. Cushman
2 represented the Skillings in the action.

3 While Debtor and the Skillings were litigating their
4 contract dispute, Cushman, on behalf of Padilla, issued a writ of
5 garnishment upon the Skillings on April 23, 2004, for any amounts
6 owing to Debtor (the "April 2004 Writ"). The Skillings answered
7 the writ, indicating that as of May 12, 2004, they owed Debtor
8 \$1,692.45. The answer included not only a breakdown of the
9 \$1,692.45, but also the disclosure that the Skillings were
10 holding \$4,714.30 in trust for the remainder of the contract
11 funds owing to Debtor.

12 Thereafter, the Skillings authorized Cushman to transfer the
13 trust funds (i.e., the \$4,714.30) to his IOLTA account to be held
14 in trust for Padilla. This transfer was made as payment pursuant
15 to the April 2004 Writ. As of May 12, 2004, Padilla had received
16 \$6,406.75.

17 On December 8, 2004, Debtor was awarded an arbitration award
18 against the Skillings in the amount of \$5,750 plus interest.
19 Subsequently, on December 22, 2004, Cushman issued another writ
20 of garnishment against the Skillings on Padilla's behalf (the
21 "December 2004 Writ"). The December 2004 Writ was issued for the
22 purpose of garnishing the balance of the arbitration award owing
23 to Debtor. Pursuant to the December 2004 Writ, Padilla received
24 an additional \$619 on January 7, 2005.

25 Debtor filed for relief under chapter 7³ on January 18,

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27 ³ Unless otherwise indicated, all chapter, section and rule
28 references are to the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330, and
to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rules 1001-9036, as
(continued...)

1 2005. That same day, he filed a claim of exemption as to the
2 arbitration award against the Skillings under § 522(d)(5).
3 Notice of the bankruptcy filing, the deadline for objecting to
4 discharge, and the exemption claim were served on Cushman, but
5 not served on Padilla.

6 A discharge order was entered on April 19, 2005.
7 Thereafter, on June 23, 2005, Debtor filed a motion for
8 abandonment of his exempt personal property, including the
9 arbitration award, which was granted on July 12, 2005. Debtor's
10 bankruptcy was closed on July 26, 2005.

11 After the case was closed, Cushman reconciled the
12 garnishment proceeds, which he was holding in trust during the
13 bankruptcy, and paid Padilla her 50% share. Padilla then filed a
14 "Satisfaction and Final Release of Judgment" in state court which
15 accounted for the proceeds of the April and December 2004 Writs,
16 credited the payments of those garnishments towards the Judgment,
17 and recognized the bankruptcy discharge as to the remaining
18 balance (the "Release"). The Release, entered in open court on
19 September 2, 2005, without proper notice to Debtor⁴, reflected
20 two garnishment payments - one in the amount of \$6,406.75 on May
21 12, 2004, and another for \$619 made on January 7, 2005.

22 On October 13, 2005, the bankruptcy court reopened the case
23 for the purpose of permitting Debtor to commence an adversary

24 ³(...continued)
25 enacted and promulgated prior to the effective date (October 17,
26 2005) of The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection
Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-8, Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 23.

27 ⁴ Notice of the September 2, 2005 hearing was served at
28 Debtor's former address. Debtor's counsel was also not provided
notice.

1 proceeding for the avoidance of an alleged preferential transfer.
2 Debtor filed a complaint against Padilla on September 20, 2005.
3 The complaint, which was amended on October 24, 2005, sought to
4 avoid the transfer of funds to Padilla pursuant to the December
5 2004 Writ as a preferential transfer under § 547(b) and to
6 recover such funds in accordance with § 522(h). Debtor also
7 requested damages under the Revised Code of Washington ("RCW")
8 § 6.37.270(3) for Padilla's refusal to release the exempt funds
9 or, in the alternative, a declaratory judgment that no transfer
10 was made between the Skillings and Padilla. Service of the
11 complaint was accomplished through publication due to Debtor's
12 inability to locate Padilla.

13 Padilla answered the complaint on December 16, 2005, and
14 raised two affirmative defenses.⁵ First, she maintained that
15 all but \$619 of the payment from Skillings to her was made
16 pursuant to the April 2004 Writ. Second, she asserted that
17 Debtor was barred from asserting the preferential transfer under
18 the equitable doctrine of laches.

19 On May 22, 2006, Padilla filed a motion for summary judgment
20 (the "motion"). Debtor opposed the motion, complaining that
21 Padilla failed to provide competent evidence to establish that
22 she had received anything constituting a "payment" for
23 garnishment purposes from the Skillings more than 90 days before
24 he had filed for chapter 7 protection. Rather, he asserted that
25 the evidence indicated that all the payments and credits made to

26 ⁵ Padilla also filed a counterclaim for a determination that
27 the Judgment was nondischargeable. The counterclaim was
28 dismissed by the court on February 2, 2006. There was no appeal
taken as to that order.

1 Padilla occurred after he received a discharge. He also argued
2 that Padilla's laches defense must fail because he never misled
3 her into believing that he had abandoned his exemption claim
4 related to the garnishments.

5 In response, Padilla maintained that under Washington law a
6 "payment" is deemed made when the garnished amounts are tendered
7 to the garnishor's counsel. The Skillings had done just that by
8 tendering the payments to Cushman as evidenced by the Release.
9 Based on the Release, only \$619 of the garnished funds could be
10 considered a preferential payment. In addition, Padilla argued
11 that laches was an available remedy because 1) during the
12 bankruptcy Debtor was aware of the payments made to her on the
13 garnishments, 2) Debtor did not pursue a preference action within
14 a reasonable time, and 3) she would be materially prejudiced if
15 Debtor was allowed to pursue a preference action after the
16 bankruptcy was closed because she could no longer repay the
17 funds.

18 The motion came on for hearing on June 14, 2006. After
19 determining that § 546(a)(2)⁶ was applicable, the court held that

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21 ⁶ Section 546(a) states,

22 An action or proceeding under section . . . 547 . . .
23 of this title may not be commenced after the earlier
of-

24 (1) the later of-

25 (A) 2 years after the entry of the order for
relief; or

26 (B) 1 year after the appointment or election
of the first trustee under section 702 . . .
27 of this title if such appointment or such
election occurs before the expiration of the
period specified in subparagraph (A); or

28 (2) the time the case is closed or dismissed.

11 U.S.C. § 542(a).

1 case law supported a finding that § 546(a)(2) did not bar
2 Debtor's preference action. Nevertheless, the court concluded
3 that Padilla was entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law
4 as to the amounts paid in accordance with the Release. The
5 Release demonstrated that only \$619 out of the \$7,025.75 was paid
6 during the preference period. The court therefore found that
7 Debtor was only entitled to recover that amount.

8 In addressing Padilla's defenses, the court did not believe
9 "that the doctrines of either laches or promissory estoppel
10 appl[ied]." Hr'g Tr. 31:5-6, June 14, 2006. Instead, it found
11 that there could not be "any question that . . . [the \$619
12 payment] was a preference" nor "should [it] have been a
13 surprise." Id. at 31:7-10. Because the court was not persuaded
14 that there were any other defenses to the preference action, it
15 concluded that the \$619 transfer was preferential and Debtor was
16 entitled to the avoidance and recovery of the transferred funds.

17 The order granting the motion was entered on July 5, 2006,
18 and thereafter, the judgment awarding Debtor \$737.03⁷ was entered
19 on August 28, 2006 (the "Preference Judgment").

20 Padilla timely appealed on September 6, 2006.

21 **II. JURISDICTION**

22 The bankruptcy court had jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1334
23 and § 157(b)(1) and (b)(2)(F). We have jurisdiction under 28
24 U.S.C. § 158.

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26 ⁷ The Preference Judgment is comprised of the principal
27 judgment amount for \$619 and prejudgment interest for January 1,
28 2005 through August 10, 2006, valued at \$118.03. It is also
subject to post-judgment interest at a rate of 5% pursuant to 28
U.S.C. § 1961.

1 "We have an independent duty to consider jurisdictional
2 issues sua sponte." Alcove Inv., Inc. v. Conceicao (In re
3 Conceicao), 331 B.R. 885, 890 (9th Cir. BAP 2005). Our
4 jurisdiction over judgments, orders, or decrees is limited by
5 Bankruptcy Rule 8002. Saunders v. Band Plus Mortgage Corp. (In
6 re Saunders), 31 F.3d 767, 767 (9th Cir. 1994). Rule 8002 states
7 that a "notice of appeal shall be filed with the clerk within 10
8 days of the date of the entry of the judgment, order, or decree
9 appealed from." If a party files a timely motion pursuant to
10 Rule 7052, 9023, or 9024, then the time to appeal for all parties
11 runs from the entry of the order disposing of such motion. Fed.
12 R. Bankr. P. 8002(b). "The provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 8002
13 are jurisdictional; the untimely filing of a notice of appeal
14 deprives the appellate court of jurisdiction to review the
15 bankruptcy court's order." Anderson v. Mouradick (In re
16 Mouradick), 13 F.3d 326, 327 (9th Cir. 1994).

17 Padilla requests that we review the following two issues on
18 appeal:

- 19 1. Whether the bankruptcy court erred in discharging
20 her claim in light of her assertion of lack of
21 notice of the bankruptcy.
- 22 2. Whether notice to her attorney was sufficient
23 given Debtor's knowledge that her attorney was not
24 authorized to accept service of the notice on her
25 behalf.

26 Both these issues relate directly to the bankruptcy court's
27 "Order Granting [Debtor's] Request for Judgment on the Pleadings"
28 which was entered on February 2, 2006 (the "Dismissal Order").
The Dismissal Order dismissed Padilla's counterclaim pursuant to
Federal Rule Civil Procedure 12(c), § 523(a) (3) (B) and (c) (1),

1 and Rule 4007(c). Prior to entering this order, the court would
2 have had to determine that Padilla received proper notice of the
3 bankruptcy.⁸

4 There is no evidence on the docket that Padilla ever sought
5 a Rule 7052, 9023, or 9024 motion as to the Dismissal Order. Any
6 appeal of the Dismissal Order needed to be filed by February 10,
7 2006.⁹ Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8002(a). Because no appeal was taken,
8 we lack subject matter jurisdiction to review any issues decided
9 by the bankruptcy court pursuant to the Dismissal Order, and
10 thus, limit our review to those issues related to the Preference
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13 ⁸ On January 4, 2006, Debtor filed a motion for judgment on
14 the pleadings as to Padilla's counterclaim in which he argued
15 that the counterclaim should be dismissed because it was untimely
16 filed (the "dismissal motion"). Debtor maintained that Padilla
17 had received timely notice of the bankruptcy through her counsel,
18 Cushman. Therefore, in accordance with Rule 4007(c), she had up
19 to 60 days after the date set for the first meeting of creditors
20 under § 341(a) to file a complaint to determine the
21 dischargeability of the Judgment pursuant to § 523(c). Padilla
22 missed that deadline. Thus, Debtor asserted that the bankruptcy
23 court did not have jurisdiction to hear the counterclaim.

24 In opposing the dismissal motion, Padilla complained that
25 she had not been given proper notice of the bankruptcy. Cushman
26 was not authorized to accept service of new matters on her behalf
27 nor was he in contact with her to provide actual notice. As
28 such, her nondischargeability complaint should be considered
timely filed.

⁹ Although there could be some debate as to whether the
Dismissal Order is interlocutory because it does not dispose of
the entire preference action, we find it to be a final order.
See Gillespie v. U.S. Steel Corp., 379 U.S. 148, 152 (1964).
Examination of the Dismissal Order from a "practical rather than
technical" view establishes that Padilla's counterclaim is
severable from the complaint and addresses a Code section that is
independent and irrelevant to the bankruptcy court's § 547
ruling. Id.; Chang v. United States, 327 F.3d 911, 926 (9th Cir.
2003).

1 Judgment.¹⁰

2 **III. ISSUES**

- 3 1. Whether the court abused its discretion in denying the
4 laches defense.
- 5 2. Whether the bankruptcy court erred in granting summary
6 judgment, sua sponte, in favor of Debtor when it found the
7 \$619 payment was an avoidable preferential transfer.
- 8 3. Whether Padilla was given proper notice and the opportunity
9 to object to the form of the Preference Judgment.

10 **IV. STANDARD OF REVIEW**

11 A grant of summary judgment is reviewed de novo. Patterson
12 v. Int'l Bhd. of Teamsters, Local 959, 121 F.3d 1345, 1349 (9th
13 Cir. 1997). In viewing the evidence in the light most favorable
14 to the nonmoving party, we must determine whether there are any
15 genuine issues of material fact and whether the applicable
16 substantive law was correctly applied by the bankruptcy court.
17 City of Vernon v. S. Cal. Edison Co., 955 F.2d 1361, 1365 (9th
18 Cir. 1992). A fact is material when, under the governing
19 substantive law, it could affect the outcome of the case.
20 Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986). A
21 dispute about a material fact is genuine "if the evidence is such

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23 ¹⁰ Even if we had jurisdiction to review the Dismissal
24 Order, pursuant to the Release, Padilla admitted that the
25 remaining balance on the Judgment (\$18,150.90) was discharged by
26 the bankruptcy court on July 26, 2005. The Release was entered
27 on September 2, 2005. Padilla did not file her counterclaim
28 until December 16, 2005. Because Padilla did not assert her
counterclaim until after the Release's entry, she is judicially
estopped from asserting that the Judgment is nondischargeable.
Wagner v. Prof'l Eng'rs In Cal. Gov't, 354 F.3d 1036, 1044 (9th
Cir. 2004); Markley v. Markley, 198 P.2d 486, 490-91 (Wash.
1948).

1 that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the nonmoving
2 party." Id.

3 We review whether the bankruptcy court properly applied the
4 doctrine of laches for an abuse of discretion. Beaty v. Selinger
5 (In re Beaty), 306 F.3d 914, 921 (9th Cir. 2002). An abuse of
6 discretion will be found if the court "base[d] its ruling upon an
7 erroneous view of the law or a clearly erroneous assessment of
8 the evidence." Movitz v. Baker (In re Triple Star Welding Inc.),
9 324 B.R. 778, 788 (9th Cir. BAP 2005).

10 "Factual circumstances surrounding service of process are
11 reviewed under the clearly erroneous standard of Fed. R. Bankr.
12 P. 8013." United States v. Levoy (In re Levoy), 182 B.R. 827,
13 831 (9th Cir. BAP 1995).

14 **V. DISCUSSION**

15 A debtor may avoid an involuntary and unconcealed transfer
16 of his property to the extent that it was exempt under state law
17 if such transfer could have been avoided by the trustee under
18 § 547 but was not. 11 U.S.C. § 522(h). Under § 547, a trustee
19 may avoid the transfer of property of a debtor on account of an
20 antecedent debt made within 90 days preceding the debtor's
21 bankruptcy filing. 11 U.S.C. § 547(b).

22 Here, there is no dispute that the \$619 payment made on
23 January 7, 2005, was a preferential transfer. Hr'g Tr. 7:18-24,
24 June 14, 2006 (Padilla's attorney stated "the \$619 . . . was paid
25 within the preference period"). Nor were there any disputes as
26 to the facts underlying the preferential transfer or the laches
27 defense. That being the case, the bankruptcy court acted within
28 its authority to decide the motion as a matter of law.

1 1. The Laches Defense

2 Padilla asserts that the bankruptcy court abused its
3 discretion in finding that the laches defense was inapplicable to
4 Debtor's preference claim. The application of laches depends
5 upon the facts of the particular case. Brown v. Cont'l Can Co.,
6 765 F.2d 810, 814 (9th Cir. 1985). This "affirmative defense . .
7 . 'requires proof of (1) lack of diligence by the party against
8 whom the defense is asserted, and (2) prejudice to the party
9 asserting the defense.'" Beaty, 306 F.3d at 926 (quoting Kansas
10 v. Colorado, 514 U.S. 673, 687 (1995)).

11 The lack of diligence element of laches requires an
12 examination of the length of time between the party becoming
13 aware of the action and the filing of the complaint, as well as,
14 the circumstances surrounding the delay. Id. at 927. Here, the
15 bankruptcy court found that Debtor had brought the preference
16 action "fairly quickly." Hr'g Tr. 31:7. In reviewing the
17 factual evidence in the record before the court, we cannot find
18 that this determination was clearly erroneous.

19 The evidence indicates that during the pendency of the
20 bankruptcy, Cushman always maintained that all payments to
21 Padilla were made pursuant to the April 2004 Writ. Assuming this
22 to be the case, the payments would have been made outside of the
23 requisite 90-day period before the entry of the arbitration
24 award. If Debtor believed this to be true, then he would have
25 had no reason to bring a preference action against Padilla.
26 Moreover, Debtor's attorney testified that during the pendency of
27 the bankruptcy he believed that the funds paid to Padilla were
28 still being held in trust for the Skillings. It was not until

1 the Release that it became clear that two payments had been made,
2 one on May 12, 2004, and another on January 7, 2005. Debtor
3 waited only 18 days after the entry of the Release (September 2,
4 2005) to file the complaint against Padilla. Based on these
5 facts, the record supports the bankruptcy court's finding that
6 there was no unreasonable delay by Debtor.

7 Further, Padilla has not presented evidence sufficient to
8 support her assertion that she will be unduly prejudiced by
9 Debtor bringing the preference action. Instead, she relies on
10 general statements regarding her financial vulnerability and the
11 difficulty she will encounter in having to pay back the \$619.
12 This alone is insufficient to establish prejudice. Beaty, 306
13 F.3d at 928 ("generic claims of prejudice do not suffice for a
14 laches defense in any case"). See, e.g., State ex rel. Casale v.
15 McLean, 569 N.E.2d 475, 478 (Ohio 1991) (refusing to find laches
16 where litigant offered on "a bare assertion that certain factors
17 'have changed dramatically' and "a review of the record shed[]
18 little meaningful light on the precise nature of these alleged
19 changes.").

20 In addition, we also agree with the bankruptcy court's
21 finding that the preference action should not have been a
22 "surprise" to Padilla. Padilla was the party who filed the
23 Release which included the exact transfer dates. The January 7,
24 2005 transfer clearly fell within the preference period. As
25 such, it should not have been a surprise to Padilla that Debtor
26 would seek to recover those funds once he learned that the
27 transfer occurred within the 90 days before he filed his
28 petition.

1 Based on the foregoing, the bankruptcy court did not abuse
2 its discretion in finding the laches defense inapplicable.

3 2. The Sua Sponte Granting of Summary Judgment

4 Padilla argues that the court erred in granting, sua sponte,
5 summary judgment in favor of Debtor when it entered the
6 Preference Judgment awarding him \$619. According to Padilla, the
7 court improperly ignored her evidence and arguments, including
8 the laches defense.

9 There is no question that bankruptcy courts have the power
10 to grant summary judgment sua sponte. Celotex Corp. v. Catrett,
11 477 U.S. 317, 326 (1986). However, “[s]ua sponte summary
12 judgment will be proper only when 1) no material dispute of fact
13 exists, and 2) the losing party has had an adequate opportunity
14 to address the issues involved, including adequate time to
15 develop any facts necessary to oppose summary judgment.” Fuller
16 v. City of Oakland, 47 F.3d 1522, 1533 (9th Cir. 1995).

17 Here, the record does not support Padilla’s assertion that
18 the court failed to take her evidence into account. Not only did
19 the court make clear at the June 14 hearing that all of the
20 pleadings filed in relation to the motion had been “read ad
21 nauseam”, Hr’g Tr. 6:24-25, it specifically addressed the laches
22 defense in its oral ruling. In addressing this defense, the
23 court stated,

24 The \$619, I conclude to be a preference. And I don’t
25 think that the doctrines of either laches or promissory
26 estoppel apply. You know, this was brought fairly
27 quickly. I don’t think there’s any question that that,
[sic] by any stretch of the imagination, that it was a
preference and it should have been a surprise.

28 Hr’g Tr. 31:4-10 (emphasis added).

1 Padilla does not argue that 1) there were material issues of
2 fact in existence as to the laches defense which would have
3 precluded summary judgment or 2) that she did not have adequate
4 opportunity to address the laches defense. Instead, her reply
5 brief states that every fact supporting her laches defense was
6 undisputed. Further, the pleadings submitted in support of the
7 motion include an extensive discussion of the doctrine. The
8 bankruptcy court did not err on this point.

9 3. Notice of the Judgment

10 Padilla also argues that she did not receive proper notice
11 of the Preference Judgment and was therefore denied the
12 opportunity to object to its final form and content, which
13 included an award of \$118.03 for pre-judgment interest. Because
14 the issue of pre-judgment interest had never been raised prior to
15 the entry of the Preference Judgment, Padilla believes that she
16 should be given the chance to oppose it.

17 Although the record indicates that on August 24, 2006,
18 Debtor's attorney served a copy of the Preference Judgment on
19 Cushman by facsimile and regular mail, notice of the proposed
20 judgment was not served in compliance with Western Washington's
21 Local Bankruptcy Rule ("LBR") 9022-1. LBR 9022-1 governs notice
22 of judgments and orders and incorporates LBR 9013-1(I)(2) which
23 states,

24 A party presenting a proposed order at a time
25 subsequent to hearing on a motion shall serve copies of
26 the proposed order on parties that were present at the
27 hearing and, unless agreement is reached as to the form
of the order, shall give at least five days' notice of
the time, date and place of presentation of the
proposed order.

