OPERATING REPORT WORKSHOP U.S. Department of Justice Office of the U.S. Trustee Northern & Eastern Districts of Texas Region 6	
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You Will Need:	
 Operating Report Workshop Slide Show Notes 	
 Blank Operating Report Form 	
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Limitations

- We cannot provide legal advice
- We cannot strategize or replace your professional counsel
- We cannot violate the McDade Authorization (determines whether your attorney has given us permission to speak to you directly)

Limitations

- We cannot waive the reporting requirements
- We cannot extend the filing deadlines for the operating reports
- We cannot waive UST quarterly fees that have been calculated correctly

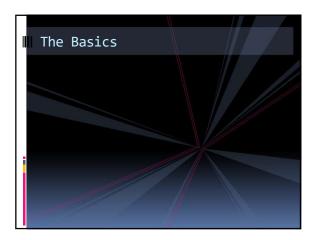
Workshop Focus

- Purpose of operating reports & requirements
- Review red flags
- Review a couple of important accounting & bankruptcy concepts

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Workshop Focus

- Review each of the 4 UST report formats
- Explain how to complete each page (in logical instead of chronological order)
- Review UST Quarterly Fee requirements
- Provide some helpful & practical tips



Purpose of Operating Reports

- Provides all interested parties & Court with relevant financial information
- Allows UST to perform statutory oversight and monitoring function

Purpose of Operating Reports Provides basis for determining whether the plan you've proposed is viable • Assists you with cash flow management Basis for UST quarterly fee calculation Requirements Pre-Confirmation = Monthly Reports ■ Post-Confirmation = Quarterly Reports Must use UST forms Requirements Must complete all pages & provide required attachments ■ Due on the 20th of the month for the period prior (monthly or quarterly) Your attorney must file an electronic copy with the Court

Requirements

- Your attorney MUST keep hard copy with original signatures (he/she may be required to produce upon request by Court or UST)
- Continue filing until case is closed or until converted or dismissed
- A confirmed case is NOT a closed case!

Red Flags

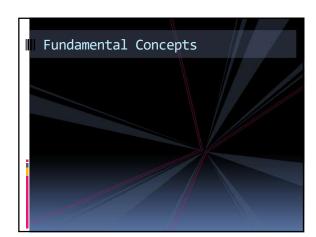
- Reports are not filed or filed late
- Incomplete, missing pages, or poorly prepared
- Balancing issues not all cash accounted for
- Insufficient cash flow and/or profit

Red Flags

- Negative beginning or ending cash figures
- Increasing post-petition debt
- Inconsistencies between operating reports, bankruptcy schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs (SOFA), and tax returns
- Inconsistencies in figures from month to month

Red Flags

- Transactions "outside the ordinary course", i.e. beyond the ordinary scope of your business, without court approval: sale of assets, loans, etc.
- Other questionable transactions: payments to professionals without approval, payments on prepetition liabilities, insufficient fund fees, excessive personal expenses, etc.



Cash vs. Accrual

- Timing differences in the recognition of income & expenses
- Cash = Received & Paid
- Accrual = Earned & Incurred

Cash vs. Accrual

- Accrual includes non-cash transactions (depreciation, accounts receivable & payables, prepaids, etc.)
- Accrual = GAAP = more sophisticated = follows matching principle = better indicator of <u>profitability</u>
- BOTH are important

Example

You build custom tables. Your booth at a home show in March resulted in 10 orders for tables. It costs \$500 in materials and takes a month to make the tables. Tables are sold for \$800 each and you collect a \$100 initial denosit

Cash		Accrual	
March:		March:	
Cash Receipts =	\$1,000	Income =	\$0
Disbursements =	\$5,000	Expenses =	\$0
Net Cash Flow =	(\$4,000)	Profit =	\$0
April:		<u>April:</u>	
Cash Receipts =	\$7,000	Income =	\$8,000
Disbursements =	\$0	Expenses =	\$5,000
Net Cash Flow =	\$7,000	Profit =	\$3,000

Creation of Bankruptcy Estate

- New taxable entity created upon filing bankruptcy
- Assets belong to the bankruptcy estate and are managed by you as "Debtor-in-Possession" (or trustee)
- Books should be closed the day before
- Transactions segregated into pre and post petition



UST Operating Report Formats	
Four Available Formats	
Small Business (pink)	-
Post-Confirmation (green)	-
 Accrual Basis (orange) 	
■ Cash Basis (blue)	
"MOR" = Monthly Operating Report	
"PCR" = Post-Confirmation Operating Report	
Small Business Form 425C 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51D)	
 NOT an elective form - must qualify 	
Filed monthly	
 Summarized figures so simpler 	
Total income & expenses – CASH BASIS	
Attachments required	

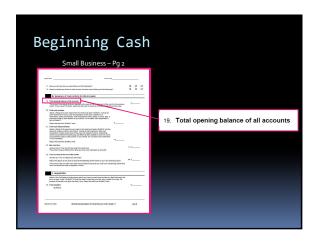
Post-confirmation Forms • Only used once plan has been confirmed (Note: A confirmed case is NOT a closed case!) Filed quarterly Summarized figures so simpler ■ Total income & expenses – CASH BASIS No attachments required Special Formats 1. Cover Page Cover Page 1. Questionnaire 2. Summary Cash Receipts & 2. Summary Cash Activity Disbursements 3. Unpaid Bills 3. Bank Reconciliations 4. Money Owed to You 5. Employees 6. Professional Fees 7. Projections Additional Information (Attachments) Standard Accrual/Cash Forms Filed monthly • Use the form that corresponds to how you typically maintain your books ■ BOTH are cash/accrual hybrid reports designed to provide specific information

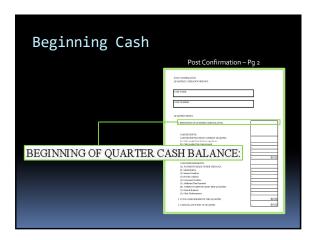
Standard Accrual/Cash Forms

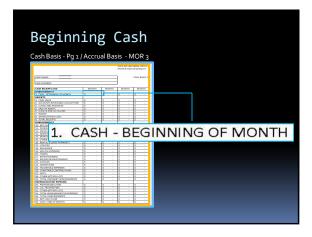
- Very detailed
- <u>All</u> pages must be completed even if they are not applicable
- Attachments may be required

Accrual Basis 1. Cover Page 2. Balance Sheet 3. Income Statement 4. Cash Receipts & Disbursements 5. Receivable/Payable Aging 6. Bank Reconciliation 7. Payments to Insiders, etc. 8. Questionnaire Cash Basis 1. Cover Page 2. Cash Receipts & Disbursements 3. Disbursement Detail Bank Reconciliation Assets of the Estate Liabilities of the Estate Receivable/Payable Aging Payments to Insiders, etc. 9. Questionnaire

Cash Receipts &	Disbursements







Beginning Cash - 1st MOR

- Creation of bankruptcy estate
- All cash on petition date = Sch A/B

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Beginning Cash - 1st MOR

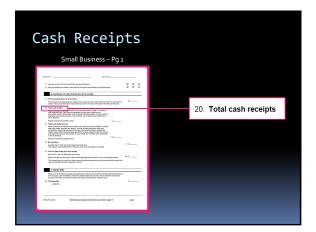
- Cannot be negative! If overdrawn, start with zero on MOR and talk with your attorney.
- Do NOT deduct prepetition outstanding checks! Talk with your attorney if you have them.

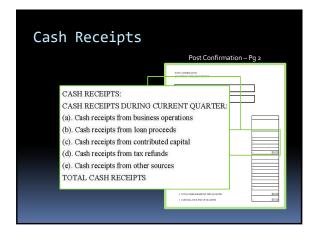
Beginning Cash – Subsequent MORs

- Ending cash from prior month (ALL cash)
- DO include post-petition outstanding checks
- Can be negative (but red flag!)









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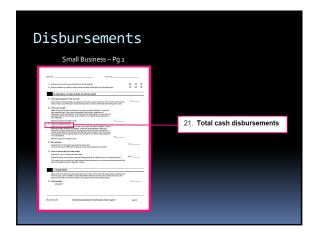
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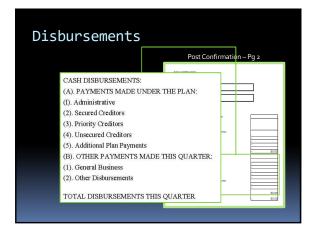
- Cash actually received
- Cash constructively received
- Accounts receivable <u>collections</u>
- You should be making frequent deposits

Cash Receipts

- Loans & advances (loans need court approval so be sure to consult with your attorney)
- Do NOT include transfers between bank accounts of the <u>same</u> debtor (talk with your attorney if you have transfers between related entities)
- Do NOT include beginning cash in total receipts

Cash Receipts Small Business: Attach supporting schedule for cash receipts: Exhibit C Total on attachment must match total cash receipts reported on line 20





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Disbursements

- Cash actually paid
- Cash constructively paid
- All checks issued during the month regardless of whether they have cleared the bank
- Include cash "Balance Sheet" transactions such as capitalized assets or shareholder loans

Disbursements

- Try to use categories provided
- Reorganization expenses include quarterly UST fee payments and payments to professionals (which need approval from the Court – so be sure to discuss these with your attorney)
- Do NOT include transfers between bank accounts of the <u>same</u> debtor (talk with your attorney if you have transfers between different entities)

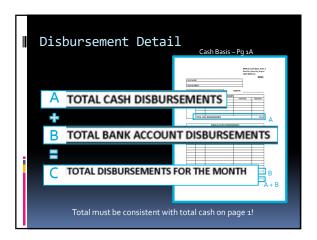
Disbursements

Small Business:

Attach supporting schedule for cash disbursements:

Exhibit D

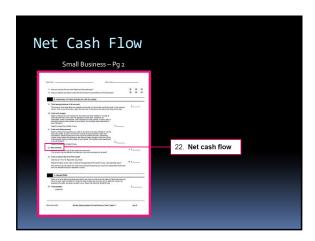
 Total on attachment must match total cash disbursements reported on line 21

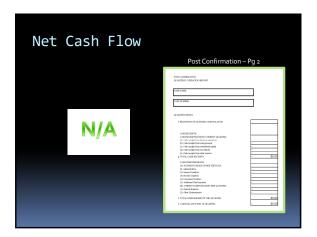


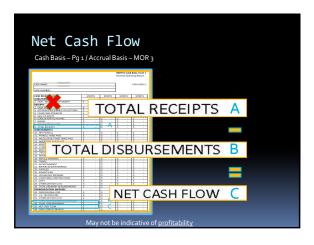
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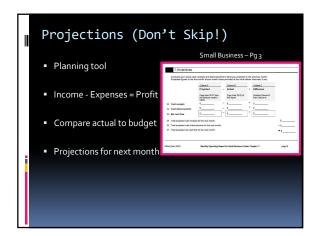
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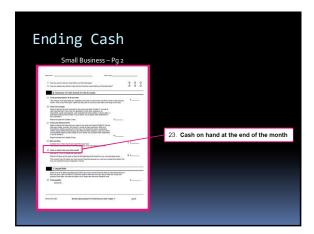
- Attach detailed check register
- Total on attachment must match total expenses on page 2
- Remember to redact all but last 4 digits of bank account number on all attachments!

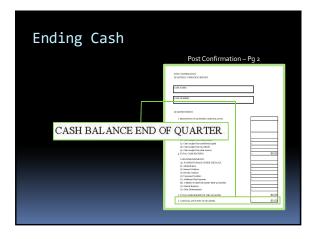


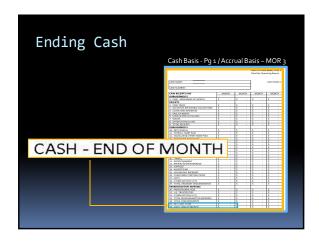












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Balancing Issues

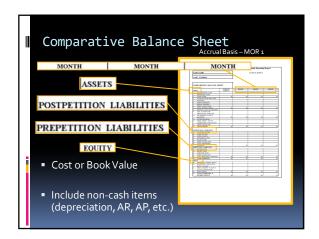
- Not including cash balance sheet transactions
- Prior period adjustments (may require an amendment talk with your attorney)
- Using bank instead of book balances

Don't overthink it – follow the cash!!



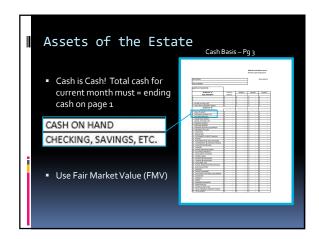
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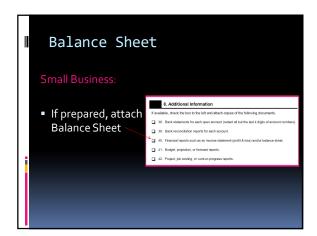
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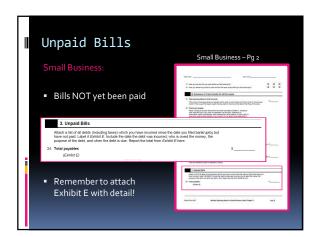
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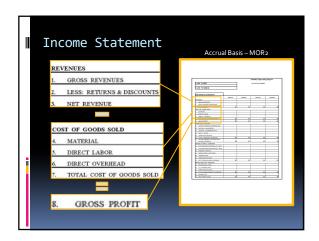
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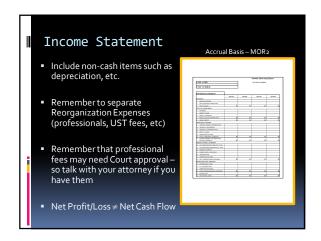






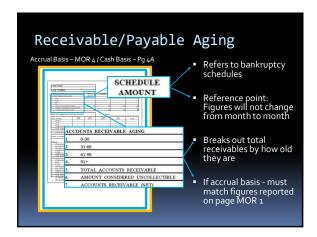
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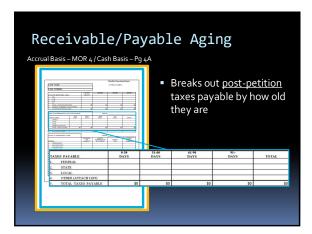
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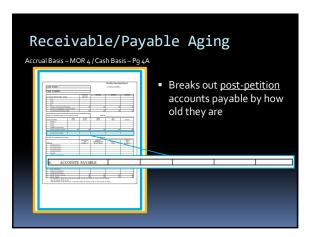


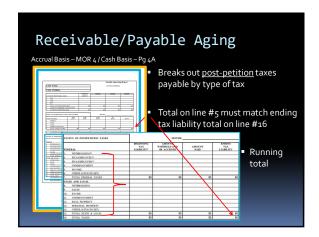
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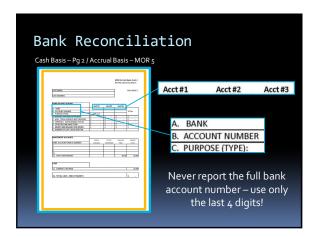


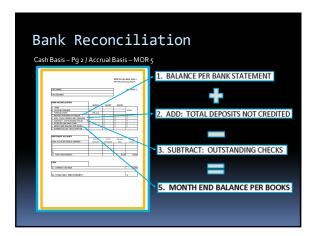


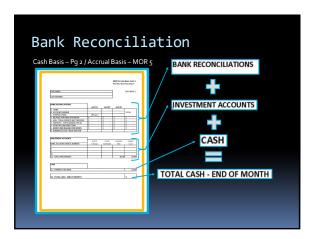


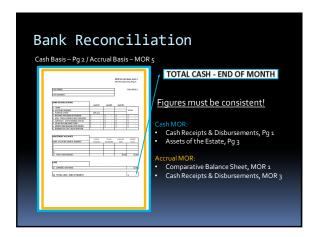
Receivable/Payable Aging						
FEET NOTE	Figures must be consistent! Cash MOR: Assets of the Estate, Pg 3 Liabilities of the Estate, Pg 4 Accrual MOR: Comparative Balance, MOR 1					

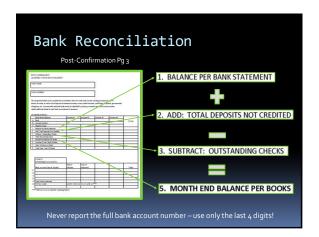


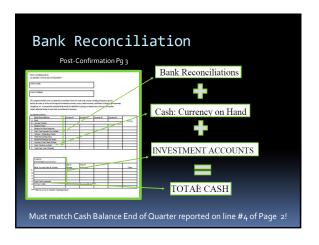






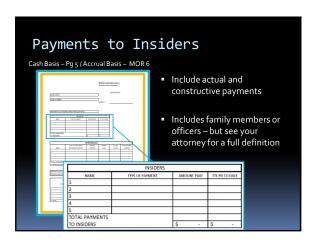


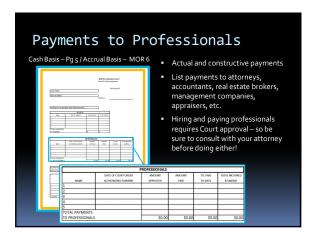


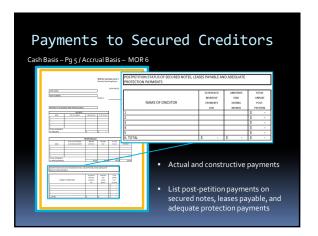


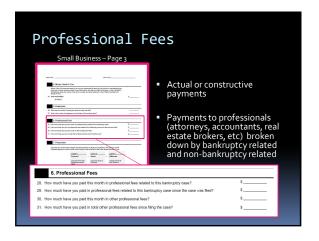


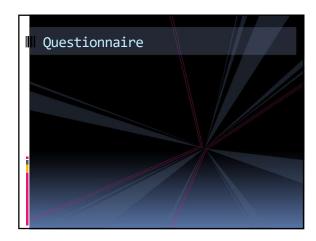


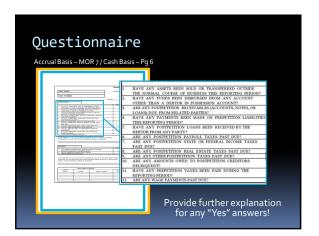


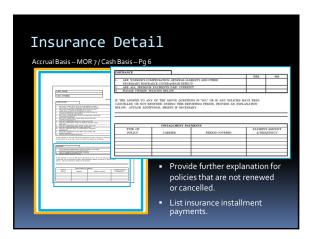


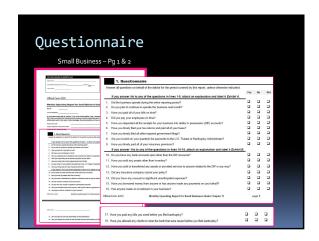




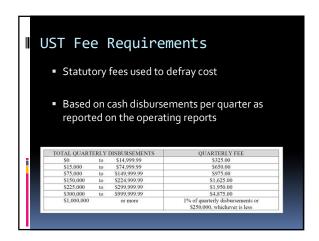












UST Fee Requirements - Calculated on actual and constructive disbursements - Remember to budget for extra UST fees if a sale generates funds used to pay off debt! TOTAL QUARTERLY DISBURSEMENTS QUARTERLY FEE SO to \$14,999.99 \$325.00 \$15,000 to \$74,999.99 \$45,500 \$15,000 to \$14,999.99 \$1,025.00 \$15,000 to \$224,999.99 \$1,025.00 \$225,000 to \$224,999.99 \$1,025.00 \$225,000 to \$299,999.99 \$1,025.00 \$230,000 to \$299,999.99 \$1,025.00 \$250,000 \$1

UST Fee Requirements

- Your case is NOT CLOSED when your plan has been confirmed!
- Fees are owed until your attorney files a motion to close your case and it is approved by the Court or until the Court converts or dismisses your case

UST Fee Requirements

- Delinquent on the last day of the month following the calendar quarter
- Fees are NOT prorated

2 nd Quarter	April 1st to June 30th	Delinquent July 31st
3rd Quarter	July 1st to September 30th	Delinquent October 31st
4 th Quarter	October 1st to December 31st	Delinquent January 31st





Consequences of Non-Payment Dismissal of your case by the Court Conversion of your case to a Chapter 7 (liquidation) by the Court Assessment of late fees Referral to the US Treasury for collection

- Separate MORs are filed for each case
- UST fees are calculated separately for each entity
- Talk with your attorney about whether you have cases that should be jointly administered



Summary

- Start with the correct beginning cash figure
- Cash figures are reported on both the Accrual and Cash Basis reports (hybrids)
- Don't take the reports lightly: complete all pages; ensure the report balances; and that figures are consistent

Summary

- Review reports prior to filing they represent the financial activity of your business and you are signing them under penalty of perjury
- File reports timely (20th of the month)
- Pay UST fees timely (delinquent on the last day of month following quarter) and include them in your Plan

Helpful Tips

- Focus on accurate reporting remember you are signing under penalty of perjury
- "Tick & Tie" <u>prior</u> to filing (use proofs)
- Cash is King
- If in doubt...write notes! Anticipate questions!

Helpful Tips

- Attach additional schedules to boost a report
- Avoid red flags that trigger further inquiry
- Use the operating reports as a tool what do the reports say about your business?

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Helpful Tips

- Do your own UST fee calculations
- Consider a bookkeeper or CPA (but hiring and paying professionals requires Court approval, so be sure to talk with your attorney first)
- Upon confirmation follow up with your attorney about the motion for final decree and when to ask the judge to close your case

Additional Reference Materials

See Regional Website for: www.justice.gov/ust/ro6/reg_info.htm

- All operating report formats in both pdf and Excel
- Pre-Filing Proofs/Checklists
- Future live workshop dates

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