

# M E M O R A N D U M

**To:** Trustees  
Chapter 7, 12, & 13  
Region 9

**From:** Saul Eisen  
United States Trustee  
Ohio/Michigan Region 9

**Re:** 341 Meeting Attire

**Date:** June 27, 2007

Recently a number of Trustees have complained to me that debtors' attorneys are appearing without ties or jackets. They felt that this lack of proper dress by attorneys demeans the process. Recently I attended hearings in Michigan and as the time approached to begin the 341 meetings I asked the Trustee where the lawyers were. He replied that the attorneys were in the room but they were not distinguishable because none of them were wearing jackets or ties. As a matter of fact, most of them wore khakis and sneakers.

I hope that each of you, as Trustee, will speak to attorneys who do not have proper attire and suggest to them that at a minimum they should wear a tie and/or jacket. For women attorneys proper dress is also expected. Warm-up suits, shorts and other informal articles of clothing are not acceptable.

Trustees should not be the dress or fashion police. However, sometimes it is necessary to call this matter to their attention. Please use discretion to never embarrass an attorney in front of his client. Hopefully we can resolve the problem without further reminders being necessary. If you have any situations where you cannot get cooperation from the debtor's attorney please do not hesitate to advise me and I will be more than happy to discuss the matter with them.