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The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

PART 20

Debtors and their families at risk of violence: orders not to disclose current address

Bankruptcy application (order for non-disclosure of current address)

20.5.—(1) This rule applies where a debtor intends to make a bankruptcy application and has been issued with a unique identifier for the application.

(2) The debtor may make an application for an order as set out in paragraph (4) for the non-disclosure of the debtor's current address.

(3) The application must be accompanied by a witness statement referring to this rule and containing sufficient evidence to satisfy the court that rule 20.1(1) applies.

(4) If the court is satisfied that the circumstances set out in rule 20.1(1) apply, the court may order that if a bankruptcy order is made—

- (a) the debtor's current address must be omitted from—
 - (i) any part of the bankruptcy file which is open to inspection,
 - (ii) the details in respect of the debtor to be entered on the individual insolvency register under rule 11.16,
 - (iii) the details in respect of the debtor to be entered in the bankruptcy order; and
- (b) where there is a requirement in these Rules to identify the debtor, the debtor's identification details must not include the debtor's current address.

(5) Where the court makes an order under paragraph (4), it may further order that such other details of the debtor's addresses or whereabouts as the court thinks just, including details of any address at which the debtor has previously resided or carried on business, are to be included in—

- (a) the details in respect of the debtor kept on or to be entered on the individual insolvency register under rule 11.16;
- (b) the details in respect of the debtor included on the bankruptcy file; or
- (c) the description of the debtor to be inserted in the bankruptcy order.