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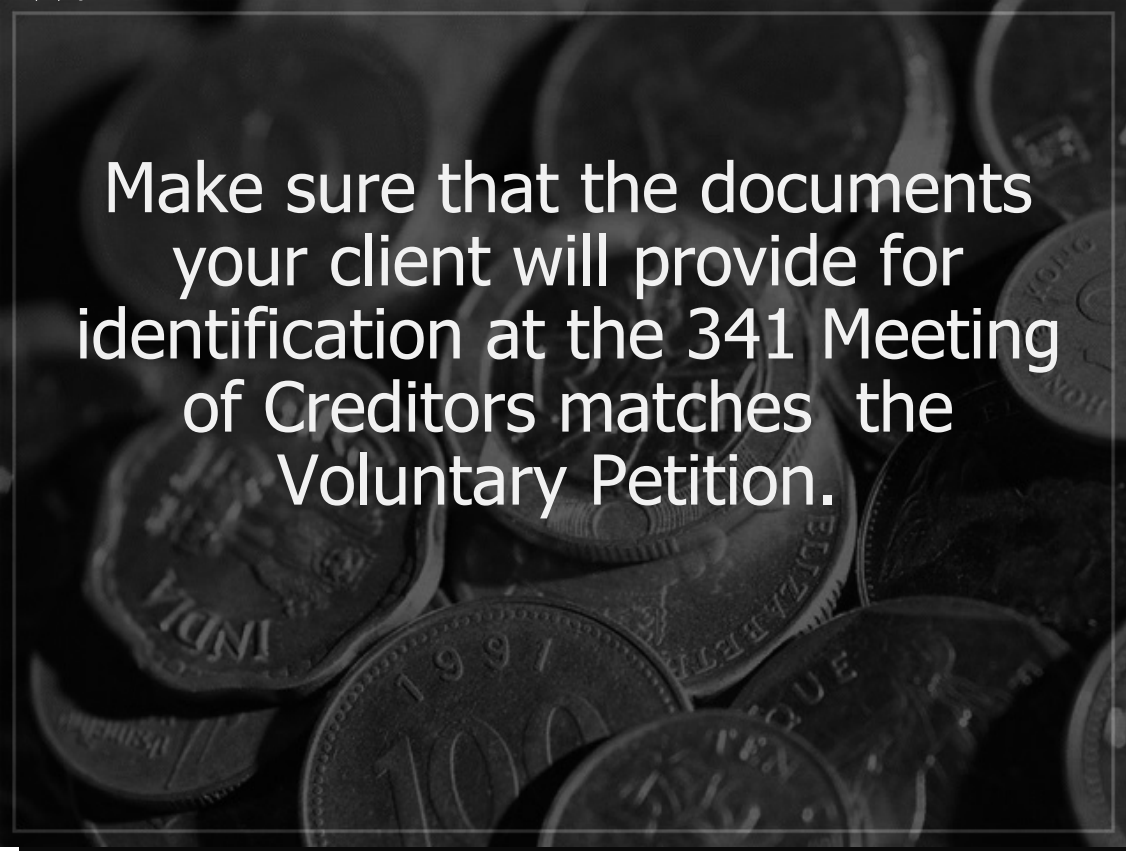
How To Stay On Your Trustee's Good Side,

Or

Don't Tick Off Your Trustee




Don't continually file incomplete petitions.



Make sure that the documents your client will provide for identification at the 341 Meeting of Creditors matches the Voluntary Petition.



Fully describe the assets in the petition.



Follow the requirements of 11
U.S.C. § 521
(Debtor's Duties)



Provide additional requested information to the Trustee in a timely fashion.



Provide the full tax return to the Trustee.

Where is Schedule C?


Where is the depreciation schedule?



Check to see if your client has
filed all tax returns.



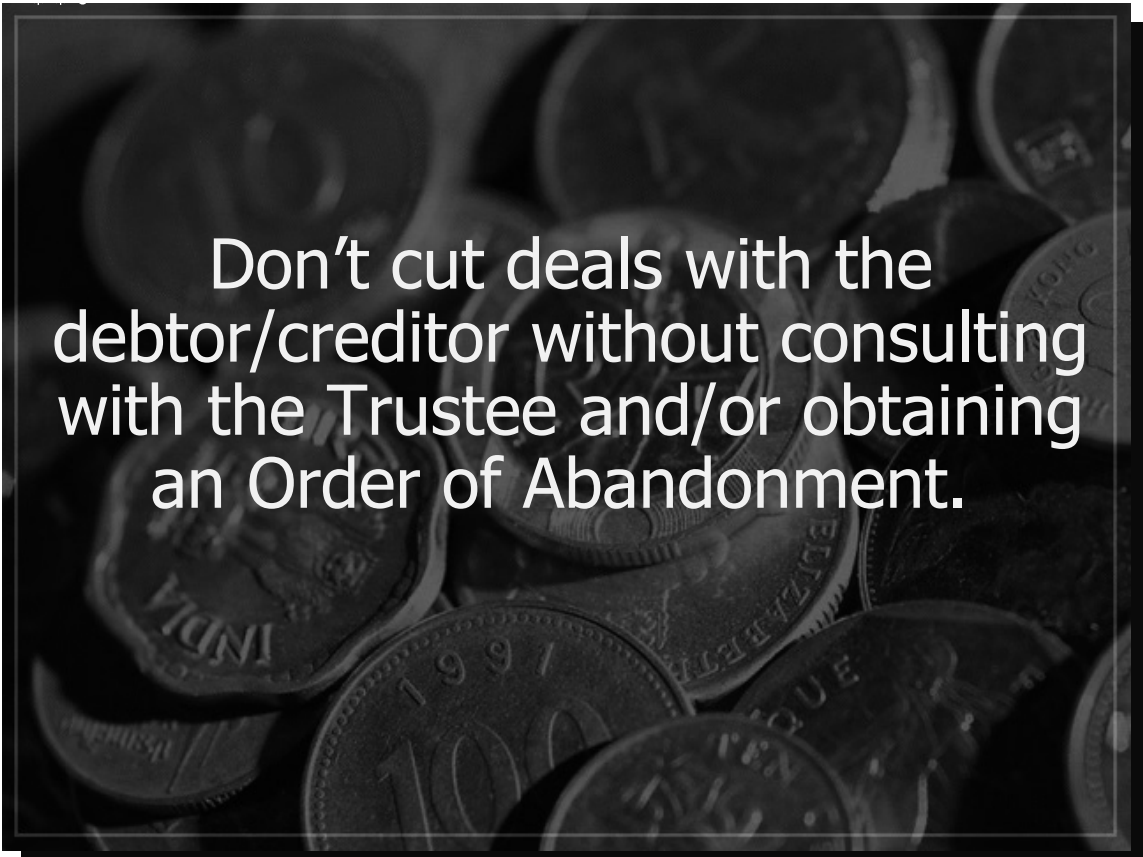
Don't let your client testify that
they have filed all their tax
returns, if they haven't.



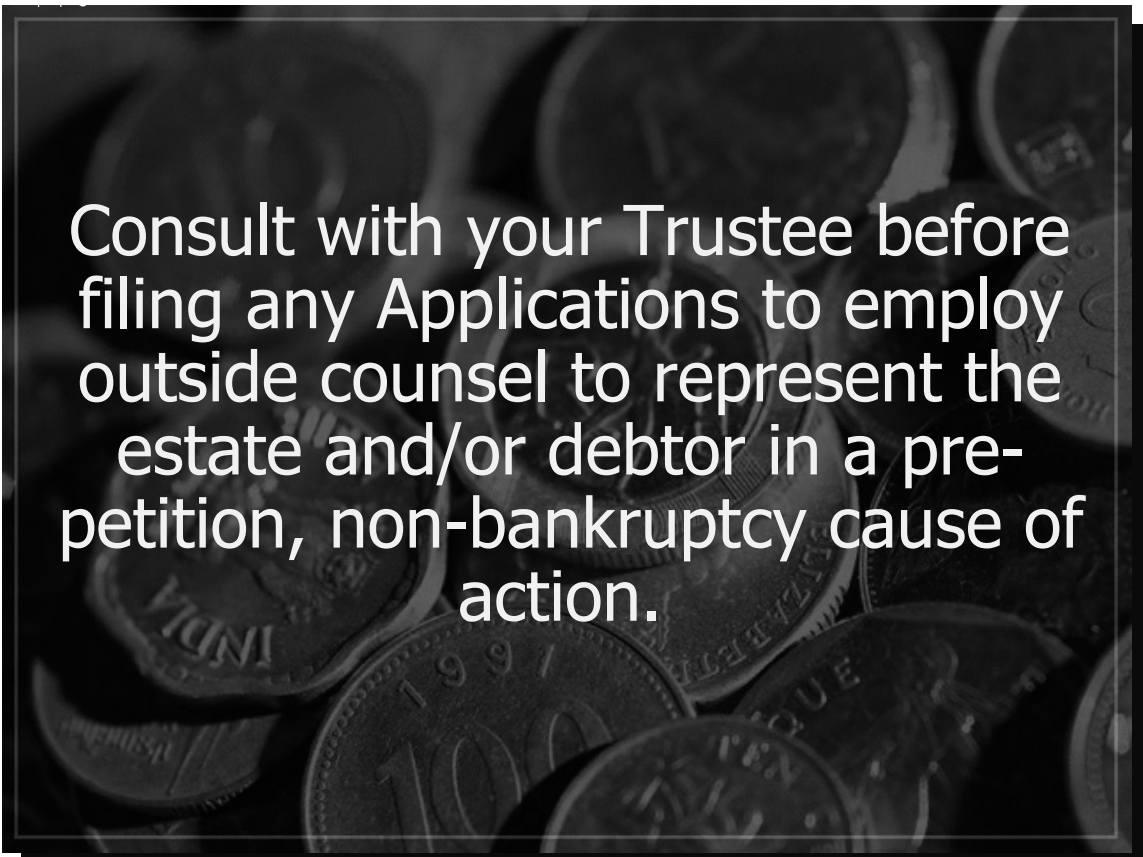
Don't testify for your clients at
the 341 Meeting of Creditors.



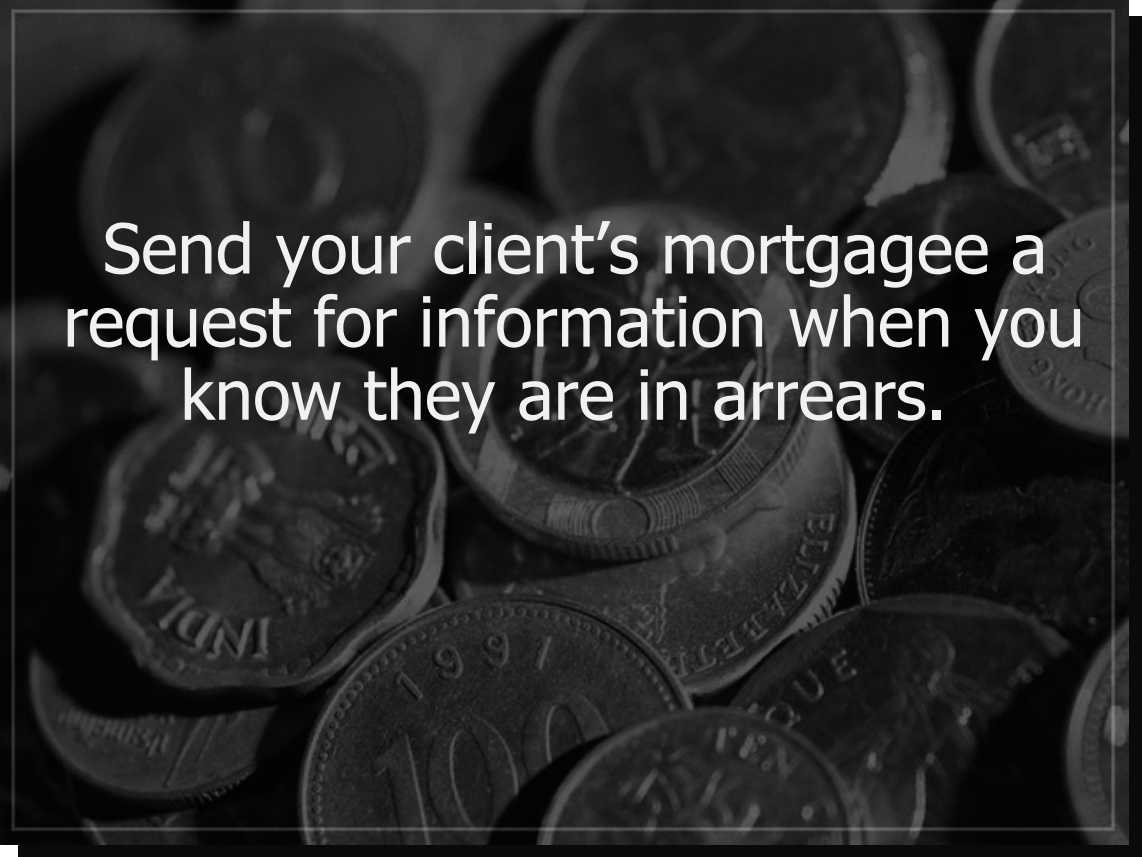
Prepare your clients for their 341
hearing.



Don't cut deals with the debtor/creditor without consulting with the Trustee and/or obtaining an Order of Abandonment.



Consult with your Trustee before filing any Applications to employ outside counsel to represent the estate and/or debtor in a pre-petition, non-bankruptcy cause of action.

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Send your client's mortgagee a request for information when you know they are in arrears.

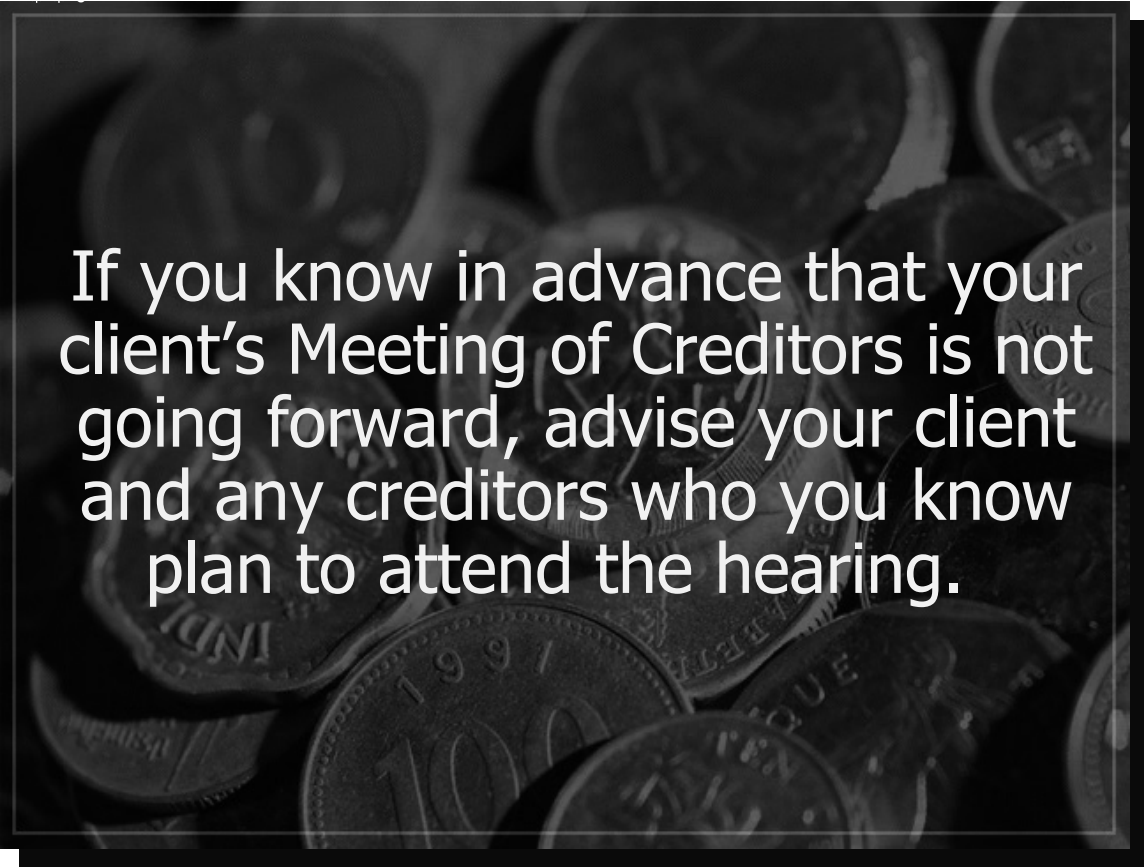
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Don't file an application for waiver of the Court filing fee when you are receiving compensation for your representation.

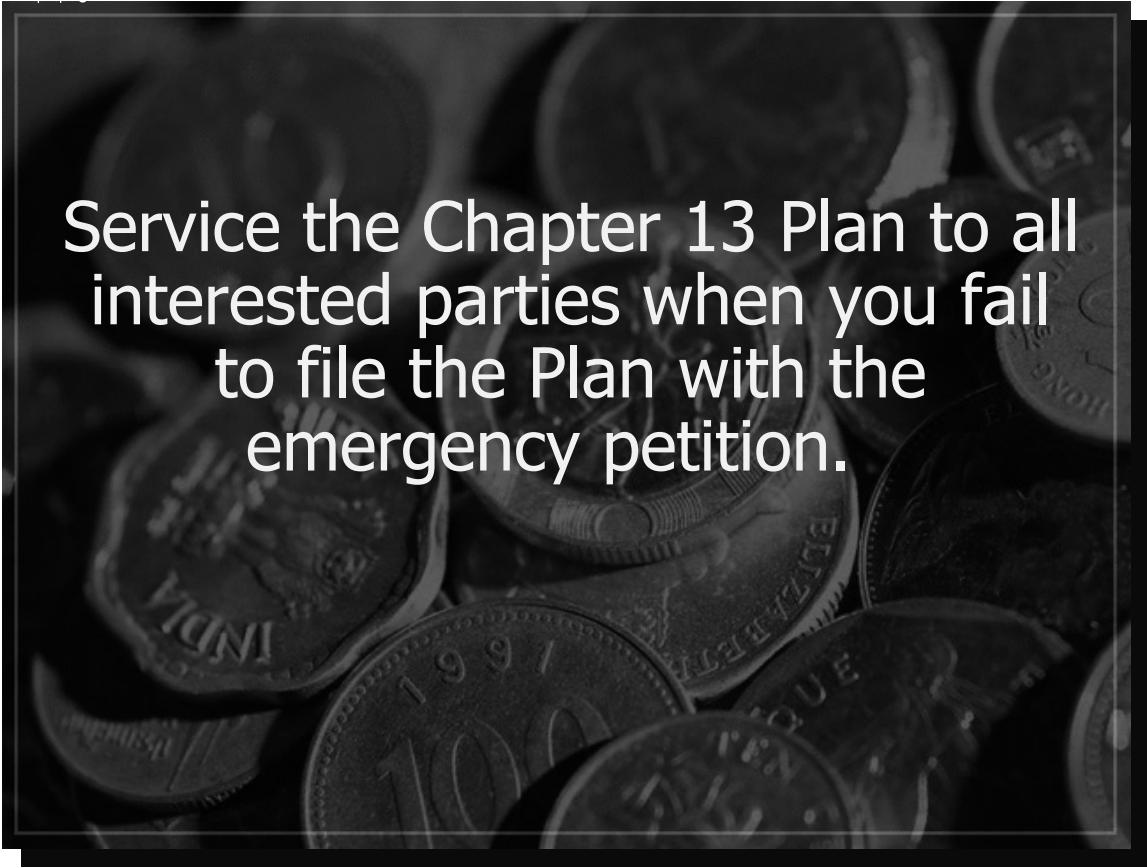


Mortgage servicers, get your documents together.

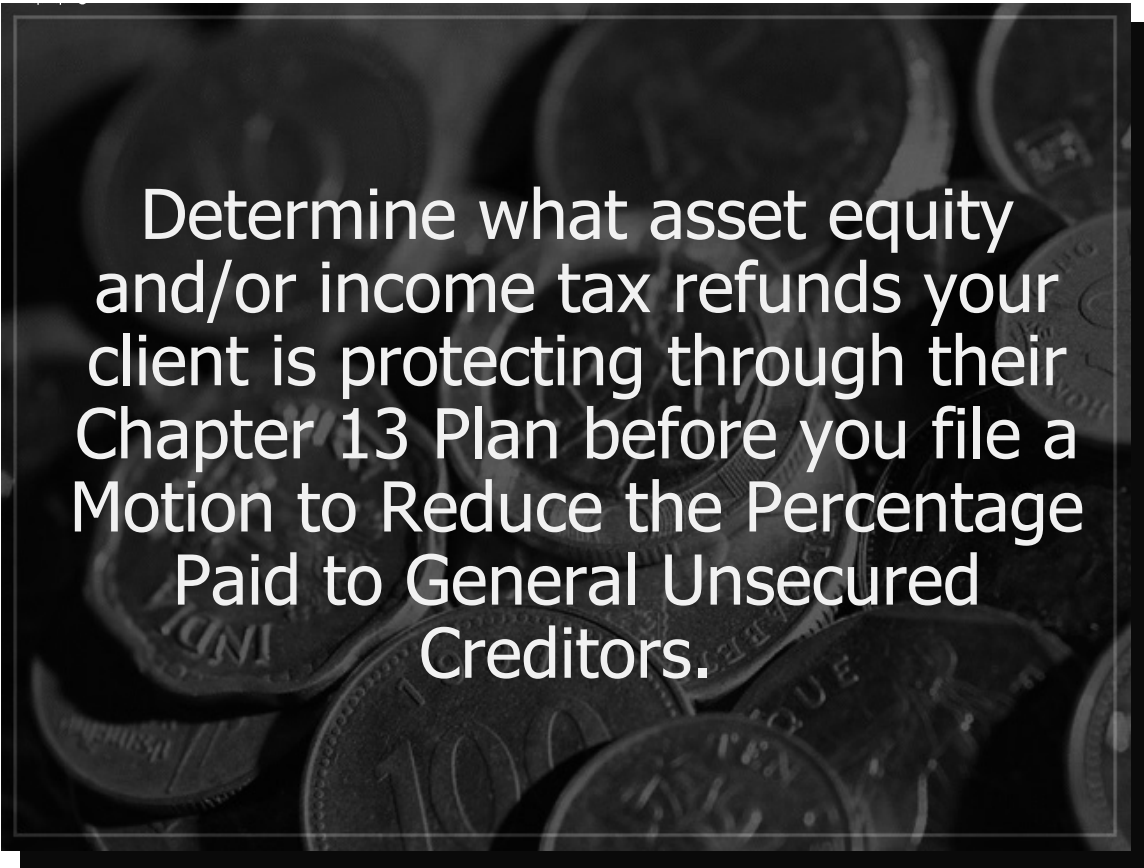
And your numbers.



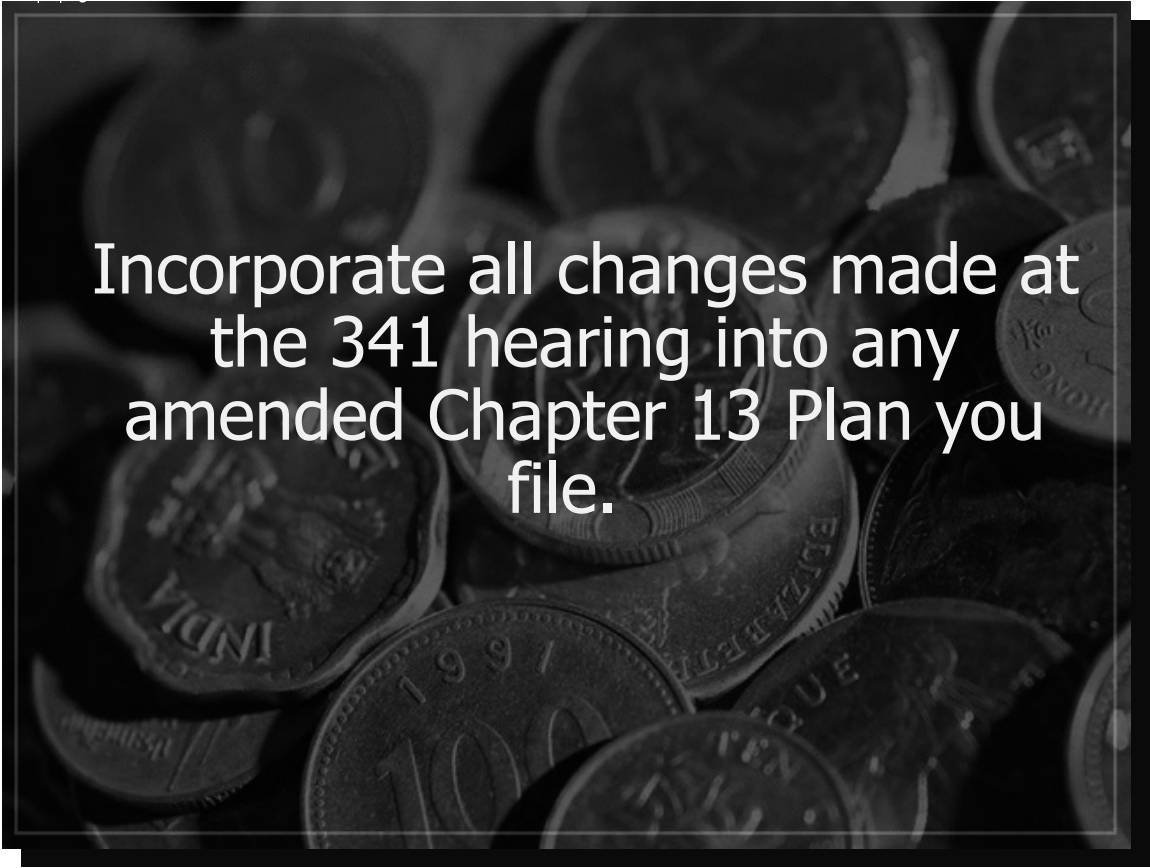
If you know in advance that your client's Meeting of Creditors is not going forward, advise your client and any creditors who you know plan to attend the hearing.

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Service the Chapter 13 Plan to all interested parties when you fail to file the Plan with the emergency petition.

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Determine what asset equity and/or income tax refunds your client is protecting through their Chapter 13 Plan before you file a Motion to Reduce the Percentage Paid to General Unsecured Creditors.



Incorporate all changes made at the 341 hearing into any amended Chapter 13 Plan you file.



Service any Amended Chapter 13 Plan that you file on all interested parties in the case.

