# Plan Narrative Worksheet - Version 3

# Purpose:

The purpose of this guide is to make you familiar with the Plan Narrative Worksheet in Version 3. This guide will explain, in brief, all the sections and expected usage. Please familiarize yourself with this guide before using the new worksheet.

# **Executive Summary:**

The Plan Narrative Worksheet is a TNG Worksheet designed to streamline all plan narratives to a consistent format that are easy to read and quick to create. Now that we have established a consistent narrative format, we have enhanced the worksheet to provide additional functionality and resolve some minor issues that were present in the first version.

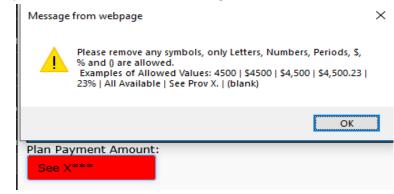
This Worksheet, and the narrative created in the Forum, is used by several staff members throughout the life of each case., Please take time when completing the worksheet to ensure it is accurate and consistent, every time. This updated version of the narrative will create a standard for all amended narratives filed to highlight changes that are made based on the previous narrative. (See Example of Completed Narrative Forum Note on page 6.)

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# **Version 3 Changes**

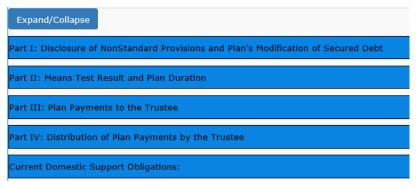
- Colors have been reworked throughout the worksheet
- Create PDF has been renamed to Create Forum Note to be more logical to the process that is happening.
- Header section has been set to fit on one line
- Summary section has been revised for colors and spacing
- Entire document can now change size dynamically on different size screens
- Validation has been added to text boxes where dollar figures or percentages are generally added
  - These fields will allow for some text to be entered besides just numbers to accommodate plan language that debtor attorneys are using.
  - The allowed symbols are '\$ % ()./'
  - If a field is blank on the plan, then '(blank)' should be entered in the corresponding field on the worksheet.
  - o If special text such as 'See X.' is entered in the plan, then the same can be entered in the worksheet without causing an error.
  - o If an Invalid Character is added, the box will turn red and an error message will come up. If left unfixed this may result in the forum note not being created



• All sections can be collapsed by clicking on the Blue title bar. This is nice to condense the screen. You can click the blue title bar again to expand it.

### Part I: Disclosure of NonStandard Provisions and Plan's Modification of Secured Debt

• Expand / Collapse button and functionality has been added to allow for quick expanding and collapsing of all sections. Useful is you only want to show the sections you will be entering.



- Removed creation of additional PDF file in documents called Plan Narrative. This was a separate document not being utilized. This will also result in faster save times when going through the Create Forum Note button.
- Additional bug fixes and minor adjustments

### Important Notes by Section in Order:

#### **Documents Section:**

This section is designed to allow you to quickly access Original, Amended, and other plan related documents direct from the worksheet without having to open them separately first. Click the PDF icon on the left to immediately open that document.

Documents							
PDF	Doc.	Date Created	Document Type				
<b></b>		05/24/2017	CASE AT CONFIRMATION				
<u> </u>	20	05/10/2017	Objection to Confirmation of Ch 13 Plan Trustees Objection to Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plan. (With Strict Compliance). (Related document(s) 6 Meeting of Creditors Chapter 13 AutoAssign, 14 Chapter 13 Plan). Proof of Service.				
B	14	04/01/2017	Chapter 13 Plan Chapter 13 Plan.				

### Plan Narrative Top Section:

Current Court Doc and Previous Court Doc are important fields that need to match the narrative for the document you are creating and the previous narrative. The Track Changes will not work properly without these document numbers being correct. Additionally, there is logic to attach the forum note to the document in the "Current Court Doc" field automatically.

Original / Amended: Should be checked accordingly.

Date of Plan: This is the date the plan was filed. Usually time stamped at the bottom of the plan.

Refresh: Will refresh the worksheet in progress, this does not revert any changes made.

**Create PDF:** Used when the narrative is complete and you are ready to create the forum note.

**Reset Worksheet:** \*Caution\* This will erase all data on the worksheet but not out of the system. This is useful if you've made a mistake and want to start over, or if the amended plan is drastically different and you would prefer to just fill out a new plan. **Note:** If you put in the Previous Court Doc # it will still perform a comparison to highlight changes.

16-40038-	Refresh	Create For	rum Note	Reset Worksheet				
Current Court Doc:	38	Previous Court Doc:	14	Original:	Amended:	□ Date	Plan Filed:	5/31/16

### Part I through Part III

Part I: Check each box for "Yes" only. It will automatically state No if not checked.

Part II: Check the respective box for means test and plan duration from plan

Part III:

Enter the Plan Amount (Numbers only, no \$ or /mo)

Does Payment Plan Match I-J Amount: Select the appropriate box. (Per MSL, if this value matches within \$1.00 then select Yes, otherwise choose No)

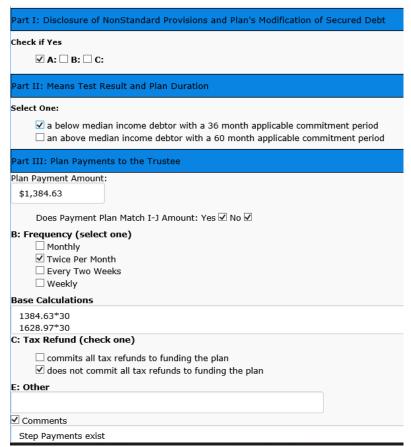
#### **Base Calculations:**

Type out the base calculations as you would for the Base Calculation Forum Note (Ex. 400 x 36 = \$14,400)

Tax Refund: Choose the respective option from the plan

**E: Other:** Copy and paste from plan if this box is filled out.

**Comments:** IF you need to enter comments for any part of this section, please check this box and enter appropriate comments.



#### Part IV

Attorney Fees: Input attorney fees from the plan

Amount paid prior to Filing: Input amount paid prior to filing

Note: The Amount Paid in Plan is not visible on this screen but will be calculated and added to the forum note automatically. If this value changes, it will highlight automatically.

Attorney Fees to be Paid: Select the appropriate option and copy/paste information from plan as needed.

### Table Section (Secured Claims)

For all the tables in the Secured Claims:

- If you are entering a monthly payment, only enter the numbers (Ex. 450.00) instead of (\$450.00 or 450.00/mo). Formatting will happen automatically. If the plan has something other than numbers, enter accordingly.
- If you are entering a percent, only enter the numbers (Ex. 5.2) instead of (5.2% or 5.2 percent).

• The Add Row button can be clicked a total of 9 times, expanding each table to a total of 10 rows. If you need to enter additional data, please use the Comments section for that respective section.



• If you are amending a plan and need to remove a row, simply click the red Delete button to delete all content in that row.



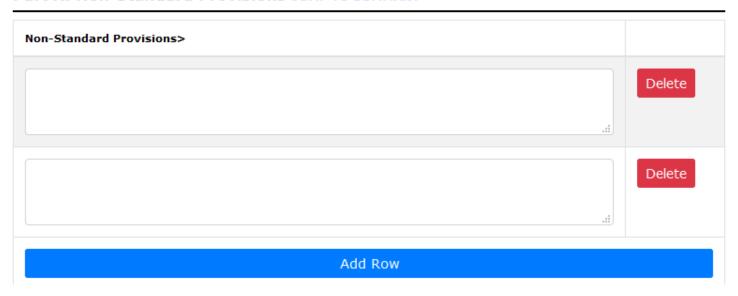
### 4E Non-Priority Unsecured Claims

Choose None if the box was left blank otherwise choose the appropriate item from the plan. In the At Least text box, if you are entering a dollar figure, formatting will apply automatically (Ex. 450 will become \$450.00)

#### **Nonstandard Provisions:**

The Non-Standard Provisions section has been re-worked to allow 10 rows of large amounts of text to provide a formatted forum note. Each row will allow up to 1000 characters. Please copy and paste 1 provision in each box. If there are more than 10 provisions, input additional provisions in the last box.

#### Part X: Non-Standard Provisions JUMP TO SUMMARY

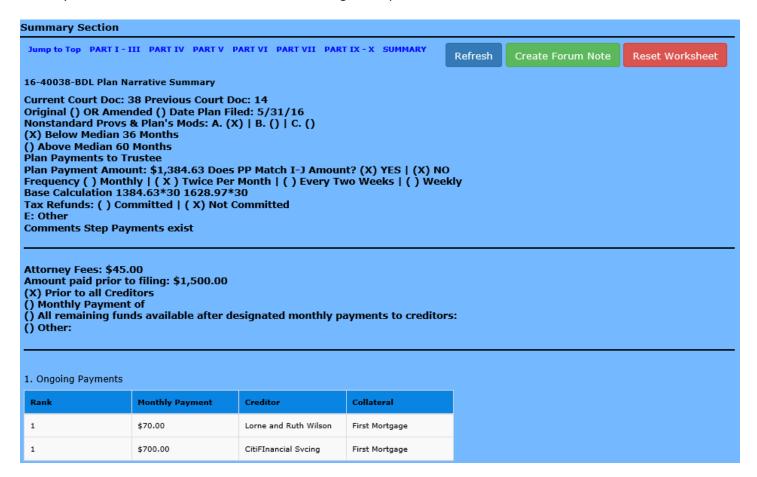


### **Summary Section:**

This section was designed to give you a quick recap of what the narrative contains and allow you to review the changes made. It will highlight in Yellow all changes as you make them to the worksheet. This section is only a visual representation of the plan and is not used to create the actual narrative.

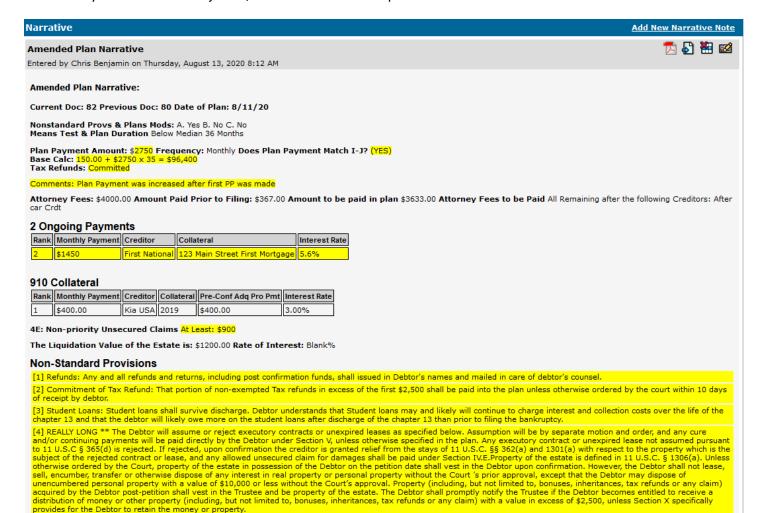
This section should be used to review the information you entered and ensure all necessary changes have been recorded before creating the forum note.

The blue hyper-links at the top will allow you to jump back to each respective section if you need to make a change before you create the PDF as an alternative to scrolling back up.



# **Example of Completed Narrative Forum Note**

This example shows an amended plan that had a modified plan payment amount, the addition of a secured creditor, Non-Priority Unsecured was adjusted, and the Non-standard provisions were modified.



# Creating Amended Plan Workflow:

- 1. Open the case and navigate to the Plan Narrative Worksheet.
  - a. This worksheet will have all previous data entered during the Original or previous Amended plan.
- 2. Open the respective amended plan document from the Documents section
- 3. Modify the existing worksheet data to account for all changes in the plan.
  - a. If the plan has changed drastically, you may wish to use the Reset Worksheet option to start filling out a fresh narrative.
- 4. Review the Summary Section to ensure all changes have been captured
- 5. Click Create PDF to create the forum note.

### **General Worksheet Notes and Tips**

- All Dollar figures can be entered as whole numbers. Example \$250.00 can be entered as 250 and it will automatically format to \$250.00.
- All worksheet data is saved as soon as you click the next box. If you need to pause and finish the narrative at another time, all work will be remembered.
- Version 2 will only provide automatic highlighting for plans previously created in version 2. All prior narratives will not function for automatic highlighting. To avoid this problem, you should fill out the old plan in the worksheet and create the forum note. Then create the amended version, inputting the proper document numbers, then the formatting will apply.
- If you manually edit a forum note, then only highlight in Yellow to track changes. Do not change the text color or provide other adjustments that would deviate from the purpose of a standardized note. Changes made in the forum note are not saved to the worksheet or anywhere else, all changes should happen from the worksheet.
- The worksheet will only allow one narrative per document number entered. If you need to make changes to an existing forum note, delete the forum note, make necessary adjustments in worksheet, and use the Create PDF option to re-create the forum note.
- Comments: If you need to remove a comment you need to actually delete the contents of the comment.

  Unchecking the box will not remove it from the forum note. The checkbox is only used to hide/show the

  comment box.