6-29/118.30 Chapter 13 Conversion

The debtor has an absolute right to convert from a Chapter 13 to a Chapter 7 at any time without prior notice, hearing or court order by filing a notice of conversion. (FRBP 1017(d)) Any party in interest, including the debtor and the United States trustee, may file a motion to convert to a Chapter 11 or 12 any time before confirmation of a plan and following a noticed hearing. (11 USC 1307(d)) The court may convert a Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 7 or dismiss the case, in the best interests of the creditors and the estate, upon the request of a party in interest or the United States trustee after a noticed hearing and for cause. The court may also *sua sponte* issue an order to show cause why the case should not be converted. (11 USC 1307(c))