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B1 (Official Form 1)(12/11) **United States Bankruptcy Court** Voluntary Petition Central District of California Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle): **BWTL Enterprises, LLC** All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): (include married, maiden, and trade names): Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN 27-3091471 Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State): 4600 Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA ZIP Code ZIP Code 90027 County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Los Angeles Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): ZIP Code ZIP Code 4600 Hollywood Blvd. Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above): Los Angeles, CA 90027 Type of Debtor Nature of Business Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which (Form of Organization) (Check one box) (Check one box) the Petition is Filed (Check one box) ☐ Individual (includes Joint Debtors) ☐ Health Care Business ☐ Chapter 7 See Exhibit  $\hat{D}$  on page 2 of this form. Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B) ☐ Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition ☐ Chapter 9 Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) of a Foreign Main Proceeding Chapter 11 Railroad ☐ Partnership ☐ Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition ☐ Chapter 12 ☐ Stockbroker ☐ Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding ☐ Chapter 13 check this box and state type of entity below.) Commodity Broker ☐ Clearing Bank Other Nature of Debts **Chapter 15 Debtors** (Check one box) Tax-Exempt Entity Country of debtor's center of main interests: ☐ Debts are primarily consumer debts, Debts are primarily (Check box, if applicable) defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as business debts. ☐ Debtor is a tax-exempt organization Each country in which a foreign proceeding "incurred by an individual primarily for under Title 26 of the United States by, regarding, or against debtor is pending: Code (the Internal Revenue Code). a personal, family, or household purpose." Chapter 11 Debtors Filing Fee (Check one box) Check one box: Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Full Filing Fee attached Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must Check if: attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official are less than \$2,343,300 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/13 and every three years thereafter). Form 3A. Check all applicable boxes: Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must A plan is being filed with this petition. attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B. Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b). Statistical/Administrative Information THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY ☐ Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. ■ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors. Estimated Number of Creditors 50-99 200-999 5,001-10,000 100-1,000-10,001-25,001-50,001-OVER 49 50,000 199 25,000 100,000 Estimated Assets \$50,001 to \$100,000 \$100,001 to \$500,000 \$10,000,001 to \$50 \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion \$0 to \$50,000 \$500,001 \$1,000,001 \$50,000,001 \$100,000,001 to \$1 million million million Estimated Liabilities \$1,000,001 to \$10 million \$50,001 to \$100,001 to \$500,000 \$500,001 \$10,000,001 to \$50 \$50,000,001 \$100,000,001 \$500,000,001 More than to \$500 to \$1 billion \$1 billion \$100,000 to \$100 million million

Doc 1 Filed 04/12/12 Entered 04/12/12 17:50:04 Case 2:12-bk-23067-BR Main Document Page 2 of 10 **B1** (Official Form 1)(12/11) Page 2 Name of Debtor(s): Voluntary Petition **BWTL Enterprises, LLC** (This page must be completed and filed in every case) All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet) Case Number: Date Filed: Location Where Filed: - None -Date Filed: Location Case Number: Where Filed: Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet) Name of Debtor: Case Number: Date Filed: **Benoit Thomaes** 2:12-bk-20357-RK 3/23/12 District: Relationship: Judge: **CEO** and Managing Member Central District of California - Los Angeles Division Hon. Robert N. Kwan Exhibit B Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b). ☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition. Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date) Exhibit C Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. No. Exhibit D (To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.) ☐ Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. If this is a joint petition: ☐ Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue (Check any applicable box) Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District. Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District. Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes) Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.) (Name of landlord that obtained judgment) (Address of landlord)

Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and

Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period

Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).

after the filing of the petition.

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Name of Debtor(s):

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# **Voluntary Petition**

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

#### **Signatures**

#### Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

Signature of Debtor

Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

Date

#### Signature of Attorney\*

#### X /s/ Giovanni Orantes

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

#### Giovanni Orantes 190060

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

#### The Orantes Law Firm, A.P.C

Firm Name

3435 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1980 Los Angeles, CA 90010

Address

Email: go@gobklaw.com

(888) 619-8222 Fax: (877) 789-5776

Telephone Number

April 12, 2012

190060

Date

\*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

#### Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

# X /s/ Benoit Thomaes

Signature of Authorized Individual

#### **Benoit Thomaes**

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

#### **Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member**

Title of Authorized Individual

April 12, 2012

Date

#### Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

- ☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11. United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. §1515 are attached.
- ☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

Signature of Foreign Representative

Printed Name of Foreign Representative

Date

#### Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankrutpcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.)(Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

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Date

Address

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

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# United States Bankruptcy Court Central District of California

In re	BWTL Enterprises, LLC		Case No.	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	11

#### LIST OF CREDITORS HOLDING 20 LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS

Following is the list of the debtor's creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims. The list is prepared in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(d) for filing in this chapter 11 [or chapter 9] case. The list does not include (1) persons who come within the definition of "insider" set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 101, or (2) secured creditors unless the value of the collateral is such that the unsecured deficiency places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims. If a minor child is one of the creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims, state the child's initials and the name and address of the child's parent or guardian, such as "A.B., a minor child, by John Doe, guardian." Do not disclose the child's name. See 11 U.S.C. § 112; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(m).

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Name of creditor and complete mailing address including zip code	Name, telephone number and complete mailing address, including zip code, of employee, agent, or department of creditor familiar with claim who may be contacted	Nature of claim (trade debt, bank loan, government contract, etc.)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, disputed, or subject to setoff	Amount of claim [if secured, also state value of security]
Robert A. Derian 1641 Heather Ridge Drive	Robert A. Derian 1641 Heather Ridge Drive	Loan - Promissory Note	Contingent Unliquidated	Unknown
Glendale, CA 91207 Robert A. Derian and Susanne Derian C/o Jack L. Schwartz Attorney at Law 11901 Santa Monica Blvd., #381 Los Angeles, CA 90025	Glendale, CA 91207  Robert A. Derian and Susanne Derian C/o Jack L. Schwartz Attorney at Law Los Angeles, CA 90025	Lease of premises located at: 4600 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027	Disputed Contingent Unliquidated Disputed	Unknown
Southern Wine & Spirits So Cal 17101 Valley View Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703-2442	Southern Wine & Spirits So Cal 17101 Valley View Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703-2442	Credit account	Contingent Unliquidated	9,555.00
State Board of Equalization P.O. Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279	State Board of Equalization P.O. Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279	Fees	Contingent Unliquidated	11,500.00

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### LIST OF CREDITORS HOLDING 20 LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS

(Continuation Sheet)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Name of creditor and complete mailing address including zip code	Name, telephone number and complete mailing address, including zip code, of employee, agent, or department of creditor familiar with claim who may be contacted	Nature of claim (trade debt, bank loan, government contract, etc.)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, disputed, or subject to setoff	Amount of claim [if secured, also state value of security]

# DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF A CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

I, the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member of the corporation named as the debtor in this case, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing list and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Date	April 12, 2012	Signature	/s/ Benoit Thomaes
		-	Benoit Thomaes
			Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member

Penalty for making a false statement or concealing property: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

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# **United States Bankruptcy Court**

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LIST O	F EQUITY SECURITY		R) for filing in this chanter 1
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Name and last known address	Security	Number	Trilla OI
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Benoit Thomaes 1600 Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90027  DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY (  I, the Chief Executive Officer and N penalty of perjury that I have read the formy information and belief.	Class  OF PERJURY ON BEHAI  Managing Member of the corporegoing List of Equity Security	of Securities  LF OF CORPORATI  ration named as the debte Holders and that it is true	Interest  ON OR PARTNERSH  or in this case, declare und
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18 U.S.C §§ 152 and 3571.

# STATEMENT OF RELATED CASES INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 1015-2 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

1. A petition under the Bankruptcy Act of 1898 or the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 has previously been filed by or against the debtor, his/her spouse, his or her current or former domestic partner, an affiliate of the debtor, any copartnership or joint venture of which debtor is or formerly was a general or limited partner, or member, or any corporation of which the debtor is a director, officer, or person in control, as follows: (Set forth the complete number and title of each such of prior proceeding, date filed, nature thereof, the Bankruptcy Judge and court to whom assigned, whether still pending and, if not, the disposition thereof. If none, so indicate. Also, list any real property included in Schedule A that was filed with any such prior proceeding(s).)

Chapter 7 Case No. 12-20357-RK, filed by Benoit Thomaes, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member on March 23, 2012, Central District of California Los Angeles Division, case is pending

- 2. (If petitioner is a partnership or joint venture) A petition under the Bankruptcy Act of 1898 or the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 has previously been filed by or against the debtor or an affiliate of the debtor, or a general partner in the debtor, a relative of the general partner, general partner of, or person in control of the debtor, partnership in which the debtor is a general partner, general partner of the debtor, or person in control of the debtor as follows: (Set forth the complete number and title of each such prior proceeding, date filed, nature of the proceeding, the Bankruptcy Judge and court to whom assigned, whether still pending and, if not, the disposition thereof. If none, so indicate. Also, list any real property included in Schedule A that was filed with any such prior proceeding(s).)
  None.
- 3. (If petitioner is a corporation) A petition under the Bankruptcy Act of 1898 or the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 has previously been filed by or against the debtor, or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, a director of the debtor, an officer of the debtor, a person in control of the debtor, a partnership in which the debtor is general partner, a general partner of the debtor, a relative of the general partner, director, officer, or person in control of the debtor, or any persons, firms or corporations owning 20% or more of its voting stock as follows: (Set forth the complete number and title of each such prior proceeding, date filed, nature of proceeding, the Bankruptcy Judge and court to whom assigned, whether still pending, and if not, the disposition thereof. If none, so indicate. Also, list any real property included in Schedule A that was filed with any such prior proceeding(s).)

4. (If petitioner is an individual) A petition under the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, including amendments thereof, has been filed by or against the debtor within the last 180 days: (Set forth the complete number and title of each such prior proceeding, date filed, nature of proceeding, the Bankruptcy Judge and court to whom assigned, whether still pending, and if not, the disposition thereof. If none, so indicate. Also, list any real property included in Schedule A that was filed with any such prior proceeding(s).)

Chapter 7 Case No. 12-20357-RK, filed by Benoit Thomaes, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member on March 23, 2012, Central District of California Los Angeles Division, case is pending

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at	Los Angeles	, California	a. /s/ Benoit Thomaes	
Dated	April 12, 2012		Benoit Thomaes / Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member Debtor	t
			Joint Debtor	

None.

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Verification of Creditor Mailing List - (Rev. 10/05)

Name

2005 USBC, Central District of California

# **MASTER MAILING LIST** Verification Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007-2(d)

Address	3435 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1980 Los Angeles, CA 90010		-	
Telephone	(888) 619-8222 Fax: (877) 789-5776			
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA				
List all names including trade names used by Debtor(s) within last 8 years:		Case No.:		
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# **VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MAILING LIST**

The above named debtor(s), or debtor's attorney if applicable, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the attached Master Mailing List of creditors, consisting of 2 sheet(s) is complete, correct, and consistent with the debtor's schedules pursuant to Local Rule 1007-2(d) and I/we assume all responsibility for errors and omissions.

Date:	April 12, 2012	/s/ Benoit Thomaes
		Benoit Thomaes/Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member Signer/Title
Date:	April 12, 2012	/s/ Giovanni Orantes
		Signature of Attorney

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State Board of Equalization P.O. Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279

United States Trustee (LA) 725 S. Figueroa St. Suite 2600 Los Angeles, CA 90017