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Dated: October 25, 2012.



S. Martin Teel, Jr.
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In re)	
)	
STEPHEN THOMAS YELVERTON,)	Case No. 09-00414
)	(Chapter 7)
Debtor.)	Not for Publication in
)	West's Bankruptcy Reporter

MEMORANDUM DECISION AND ORDER STRIKING DEBTOR'S DEMAND
FOR JURY TRIAL ON TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO EXEMPTIONS

In bankruptcy cases, "many incidental questions arise in the course of administrating the bankrupt estate, which would ordinarily be pure cases at law, and in respect of their facts triable by jury, but, as belonging to the bankruptcy proceedings, they become cases over which the bankruptcy court, which acts as a court of equity, exercises exclusive control." *Muratore v. Darr*, 375 F.3d 140, 143 (1st Cir. 2004) (quoting *Barton v. Barbour*, 104 U.S. 126, 134, 26 L. Ed. 672 (1881)). By the debtor's filing a bankruptcy petition and filing a claim of exemptions, the issue of exemptions became an equitable issue triable by the court without a jury. See *Langenkamp v. Culp*, 498 U.S. 42, 111 S. Ct. 330, 112 L. Ed.2d 343 (1990) (filing a claim against the estate triggers the process of allowance and

