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Dated: December 1, 2011.



*S. Martin Teel, Jr.*

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

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In re	)	
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SAMUEL BENJAMIN,	)	Case No. 11-00801
	)	(Chapter 7)
Debtor.	)	
	)	Not for publication in
	)	West's Bankruptcy Reporter.

MEMORANDUM DECISION AND ORDER DENYING  
MOTION TO RECONSIDER DISMISSAL OF CASE

The court dismissed this case because the debtor did not complete credit counseling as required by 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) prior to filing his voluntary petition on October 31, 2011. For reasons explained below, although the debtor completed the internet portion of credit counseling on October 27, 2011, he did not complete the credit counseling until he had completed a follow-up telephonic conference with a credit counselor at a time on October 31, 2011, after he had filed his petition.

In his motion to reconsider, the debtor states that the "substance of the counseling, in this case, is done via internet, which debtor finished on October 27, 2011" and that "[t]he second part of the counseling, the follow-up, is for the agency to

