

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re Kenneth Matthews,)	Bankr. 19-30709
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Debtor.)	Chapter 13
)	
)	Honorable Jacqueline P. Cox

Bar Order

Debtor Kenneth Matthews conceded that he filed this Chapter 13 case while he had a pending Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, No. 19-03979. It is improper to have two bankruptcy cases pending at the same time. *In re Sidebottom*, 430 F.3d 893, 899 (7th Cir. 2005) (“Allowing Sidebottom to proceed with the Chapter 13 case significantly affects the Chapter 7 trustee’s ability to administer the estate, because it will change how much each creditor gets paid if . . . claims are resolved through the Chapter 13 process.”).

Mr. Matthews stated that he filed this case because it took too long to receive a discharge in the pending Chapter 7 case as the U.S. Trustee filed motions to extend the time to file an objection to discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727.

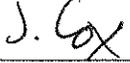
Having two cases filed at the same time shows a lack of good faith warranting a bar. The court has discretion to dismiss a case with prejudice. 11 U.S.C. § 349(a). The court may also issue any order necessary or appropriate to carry out provisions of title 11. 11 U.S.C. § 105(a).

Debtor Kenneth Matthews is barred from filing for relief under all chapters of the Bankruptcy Code for two years, on or before November 20, 2021.

The November 5, 2019 dismissal stands.

Dated: November 20, 2019

ENTER:

Honorable Jacqueline P. Cox
United States Bankruptcy Judge