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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

KATHERINE P. LE BLANC,

Debtor.

No. 7-00-14675 SA

KATHERINE P. LE BLANC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Adv. No. 00-1247 S

KEY CORP TRUST, et al., Defendants.

ORDER REGARDING GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION

This matter is before the Court <u>sua sponte</u>. To prevail in a hardship discharge complaint under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8), a plaintiff must demonstrate that he or she has made a good faith effort to reach agreement with the student loan creditor(s) on a workable repayment plan. <u>See Detweiler v.</u>

New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation (In re Detwiler), Adv. 99-1105, mem. op. at 10 (Bankr. D. N.M. Apr. 17, 2000)(citing Brunner v. New York State Higher Education Services Corp. (In re Brunner), 831 F.2d 395, 396 (2nd Cir. 1987)). This Court has determined that this requirement means that a plaintiff must at least consider options available from the lenders or agencies¹, including consolidation, deferral, repayment incentives, the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program,

¹ For information on available programs, consult www.ed.gov loanconsolidation.ed.gov, or telephone 1-800-848-00979 or 1-800-557-7392.

etc.

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff shall comply with the above requirement and be prepared to document her compliance at the final pretrial conference.

Honorable James S. Starzynski United States Bankruptcy Judge

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