

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
JOANN INC., <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
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Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
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**NOTICE OF DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM,  
INCLUDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 503(B)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

<b>TO:</b>	<b>ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO MAY HAVE CLAIMS AGAINST ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DEBTOR ENTITIES:</b>
DEBTOR	CASE NO.
JOANN Inc.	25-10068
JOANN Holdings 1, LLC	25-10069
JOANN Holdings 2, LLC	25-10070
Needle Holdings LLC	25-10071
Jo-Ann Stores, LLC	25-10072
Creative Tech Solutions LLC	25-10073
Creativebug, LLC	25-10074
WeaveUp, Inc.	25-10075
JAS Aviation, LLC	25-10076
joann.com, LLC	25-10077
JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc.	25-10078
Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc.	25-10079
Dittopatterns LLC	25-10080

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:**

On January 15, 2025 (the “Petition Date”), JOANN Inc. and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”).

On March 5, 2025 the Court entered an order [Docket No. 561] (the “Bar Date Order”) establishing certain dates by which parties holding prepetition claims against the Debtors must file

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<sup>1</sup> The last four digits of Debtor JOANN Inc.’s federal tax identification number are 5540. A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and each such Debtor’s federal tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/JOANN2025/>. The location of Debtor JOANN Inc.’s principal place of business and the Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

proofs of claim, including requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

For your convenience, enclosed with this notice (this “Bar Date Notice”) is a proof of claim form, which identifies on its face the amount, nature, and classification of your claim(s), if any, listed in the Debtors’ schedules of assets and liabilities filed in these cases (the “Schedules”). If the Debtors believe that you hold claims against more than one Debtor, you will receive multiple proof of claim forms, each of which will reflect the nature and amount of your claim as listed in the Schedules.

As used in this Notice, the term “entity” has the meaning given to it in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes all persons, estates, trusts, governmental units, and the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware. In addition, the terms “persons” and “governmental units” are defined in sections 101(41) and 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code, respectively.

As used in this Notice, the term “claim” means, as to or against the Debtors and pursuant to section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

## I. THE BAR DATES

The Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates for filing proofs of claim in these chapter 11 cases.

- a. ***The General Bar Date.*** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, except as described below, all entities holding claims against the Debtors that arose or are deemed to have arisen before the commencement of these cases on the Petition Date, **including requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, are required to file proofs of claim by the General Bar Date so that such proofs of claim are actually received by the Debtors’ notice and claims agent, Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (“Kroll”) by the General Bar Date, (i.e., by April 4, 2025 at 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time).** The General Bar Date applies to all types of claims against the Debtors that arose before the Petition Date, including secured claims, unsecured priority claims, unsecured non-priority claims contingent claims, unliquidated claims, disputed claims, and rejection damage claims for executory contracts and unexpired leases that have already been rejected by order of the Court in these chapter 11 cases. For the avoidance of doubt, any proofs of claim for claims entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must be filed by the General Bar Date. Pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, claims arising from the value of any goods received by the Debtors within the 20 days before the Petition Date in the ordinary

course of the Debtors' business are entitled to administrative expense priority.

- b. ***The Governmental Bar Date.*** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, **all governmental units holding claims against the Debtors that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to the commencement of these cases on the Petition Date are required to file proofs of claim by the Governmental Bar Date (i.e., by September 8, 2025 at 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time).** The Governmental Bar Date applies to all governmental units holding claims against the Debtors (whether secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority) that arose prior to the Petition Date, including, without limitation, governmental units with claims against the Debtors for unpaid taxes, whether such claims arise from prepetition tax years or periods or prepetition transactions to which the Debtors were a party. All governmental units holding such claims against the Debtors are required to file proofs of claim so that such proofs of claim are actually received by Kroll by the Governmental Bar Date.
- c. ***The Administrative Claims Bar Dates.*** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, **all entities holding Administrative Claims<sup>2</sup> (excluding claims for fees and expenses of professionals retained in these proceedings and claims asserting priority pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Debtors that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to February 26, 2025 are required to file proofs of claim by the Initial Administrative Claims Bar Date (i.e., by April 4, 2025 at 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time).** All entities holding such claims against the Debtors are required to file proofs of claim so that such proofs of claim are actually received by Kroll by the Initial Administrative Claims Bar Date. For Administrative Claims arising after February 26, 2025, all claimants would be required to file proofs of claim so that such proofs of claim are actually received by Kroll by the date that is 14 days following any hearing on a plan of liquidation, structured settlement, or other proposed resolution to the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases.
- d. ***Amended Schedules Bar Date.*** If the Debtors amend or supplement their Schedules to reduce the undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated amount of a claim listed in the Schedules, to change the nature or classification of a claim against the Debtors reflected in the Schedules, or to add a new claim to the Schedules, the affected creditor, if so chooses, is required to file a proof of claim or amend any previously filed proof of claim in respect of the amended scheduled claim on or before the later of (a) the General Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, to such claim, and (b) 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the date that is 30 days from the

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<sup>2</sup> As inserted herein, "Administrative Claims" means those claims under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code (excluding claims arising under section 503(b)(9)) and/or 507(a)(2), excluding those claims for (a) fees and expenses of professionals retained in these chapter 11 cases and (b) payables arising from postpetition goods and services provided to the Debtors in the ordinary course of business.

date on which the Debtors provide notice of the amendment to the Schedules.

- e. ***Rejection Damages Bar Date.*** In the event that an order authorizing the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease is entered, except as otherwise set forth in such order, the bar date for filing a Proof of Claim based on the Debtors' rejection of such contract or lease shall be the later of (i) the General Bar Date, (ii) 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the date that is 30 days after the later of (A) service of notice of an order approving the rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease of the Debtors or (B) the effective date of a rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease of the Debtors pursuant to operation of any Court order. All entities holding such claims against the Debtors would be required to file proofs of claim so that such proofs are actually received by Kroll by the applicable Rejection Damages Bar Date. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any counterparty to an unexpired lease of non-residential real property shall not be required to file claims, including for the avoidance of doubt Administrative Claims, against any of the Debtors unless and until the applicable lease is rejected by the Debtors.

## II. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the following entities holding claims against the Debtors that arose (or that are deemed to have arisen) before the Petition Date *must* file proofs of claim on or before the General Bar Date, Governmental Bar Date, or any other bar date set forth in the Bar Date Order, as applicable:

- a. any entity whose claim against a Debtor is *not* listed in the applicable Debtor's Schedules or is listed as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed if such entity desires to participate in any of these chapter 11 cases or share in any distribution in any of these chapter 11 cases;
- b. any entity who believes that its claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and who desires to have its claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules;
- c. any entity that believes that its prepetition claims as listed in the Schedules is not an obligation of the specific Debtor against which the claim is listed and that desires to have its claim allowed against a Debtor other than that identified in the Schedules;
- d. any person or entity who believes that its claim against a Debtor is or may be an administrative expense that arises or is deemed to have arisen on or prior to the Initial Administrative Claims Deadline, excluding claims for fees and expenses of professionals retained in these proceedings and claims asserting priority pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code; and

- e. any entity who believes that its claim against a Debtor is or may be an administrative expense pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### III. PARTIES WHO DO NOT NEED TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM

Certain parties are not required to file proofs of claim. The Court may, however, enter one or more separate orders at a later time requiring creditors to file proofs of claim for some kinds of the following claims and setting related deadlines. If the Court does enter such an order, you will receive notice of it. The following entities holding claims that would otherwise be subject to the Bar Dates need *not* file proofs of claims:

- a. any entity that already has filed a signed proof of claim against the respective Debtor(s) with the Clerk of the Court or with Kroll in a form substantially similar to Official Form 410;
- b. any entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules if: (i) the claim is *not* scheduled as any of “disputed,” “contingent,” or “unliquidated;” (ii) such entity agrees with the amount, nature, and priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules; and (iii) such entity does not dispute that its claim is an obligation only of the specific Debtor against which the claim is listed in the Schedules;
- c. any entity whose claim has previously been allowed by order of the Court;
- d. any entity whose claim has been paid in full or is otherwise fully satisfied by the Debtors pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or pursuant to an order of the Court;
- e. any Debtor having a claim against another Debtor;
- f. any entity whose claim is solely against any of the Debtors’ non-Debtor affiliates;
- g. any entity that holds an interest in any of the Debtors, which interest is based exclusively on the ownership of common stock, preferred stock, membership interests, partnership interests, or rights to purchase, sell, or subscribe to such an interest; *provided* that interest holders who wish to assert claims (as opposed to ownership interests) against any of the Debtors, including claims that arise out of or relate to the ownership or purchase of an interest, must file proofs of claim on or before the applicable Bar Date unless another exception identified herein applies;<sup>3</sup>
- h. a current employee of the Debtors, if an order of this Court authorized the Debtors to honor such claim in the ordinary course of business as a wage, commission, or benefit; *provided* that a current employee must submit a

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<sup>3</sup> The Debtors reserve all rights regarding any such claims, including to, inter alia, assert that such claims are subject to subordination pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 510(b).

proof of claim by the General Bar Date for all other claims arising before the Petition Date, including (but not limited to) claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, and/or retaliation;

- i. any landlord counterparty of an executory contract of an unexpired non-real property lease where the lease has not yet been rejected as of the General Bar Date; *provided, further*, for the avoidance of doubt, if a landlord counterparty's lease is rejected, the deadline for filing claims established under the applicable rejection order shall apply to all claims arising under the lease in question, and entities holding such claims shall not be required to file a Proof of Claim with respect to prepetition amount unless and until such unexpired lease has been rejected;
- j. any current officer, director, or employee for claims based on indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement;
- k. any entity holding a claim for which a separate deadline is fixed by this Court;
- l. any entity holding a claim allowable under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration incurred in the ordinary course, *provided* that any entity asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must assert such claims by filing a proof of claim on or prior to the General Bar Date; and
- m. any person or entity that is exempt from filing a Proof of Claim pursuant to an order of the Court in these chapter 11 cases, including, without limitation, pursuant to any orders authorizing the Debtors' proposed postpetition financing and/or use of cash collateral (whether on an interim or final basis) (any such orders, the "Cash Collateral Orders").

#### IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

The following requirements shall apply with respect to filing and preparing each proof of claim:

- a. Contents. Each proof of claim must: (i) be written in English; (ii) include a claim amount denominated in United States dollars using, if applicable, the exchange rate as of 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the Petition Date (and to the extent such claim is converted to United States dollars, state the rate used in such conversion); (iii) conform substantially with the Proof of Claim Form provided by the Debtors or Official Form 410; and (iv) be signed by the claimant or by an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant.
- b. Section 503(b)(9) Claim. Any proof of claim asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must also (i) set forth with specificity: (1) the date of shipment of the goods the claimant contends the Debtors received in the 20 days before the Petition Date; (2)

the date, place, and method (including carrier name) of delivery of the goods the claimant contends the Debtors received in the 20 days before the Petition Date; (3) the value of the goods the claimant contends the Debtors received in the 20 days before the Petition Date; and (4) whether the claimant timely made a demand to reclaim such goods under 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which a claim under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code is being asserted; and (iii) attach documentation of any reclamation demand made to the Debtors under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable).

- c. Original Signatures Required. Only *original* proofs of claim (whether submitted by hard copy or through the Online Portal available at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025>) will be deemed acceptable for purposes of claims administration. Copies of proofs of claim or proofs of claim sent by facsimile or electronic mail will not be accepted.
- d. Identification of the Debtor Entity. Each proof of claim must clearly identify the Debtor against which a claim is asserted, including the individual Debtor's case number. A proof of claim filed under the joint administration case number or otherwise without identifying a specific Debtor, will be deemed as filed only against JOANN Inc.
- e. Claim Against Multiple Debtor Entities. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, each proof of claim must state a claim against *only one* Debtor and clearly indicate the Debtor against which the claim is asserted. To the extent more than one Debtor is listed on the proof of claim, such claim may be treated as if filed only against the first-listed Debtor.
- f. Supporting Documentation. Each proof of claim must include supporting documentation pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d). If, however, such documentation is voluminous, such proof of claim may include a summary of such documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; *provided* that any creditor that includes only a summary of such documentation shall be required to transmit all such supporting documentation to Debtors' counsel upon request no later than 10 days from the date of such request.

- g. Timely Service. Each proof of claim must be filed, including supporting documentation, so as to be **actually received** by Kroll on or before the General Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date (or, where applicable, on or before any other Bar Date as set forth herein or by order of the Court) either by (i) electronically through the Online Portal at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025> under “Case Navigation” and by clicking on “Submit a Claim,” or (ii) U.S. Mail, overnight mail, or other hand delivery system at either of the following addresses:

**By First Class Mail:**

**JOANN Inc. (2025) Claims Processing Center  
c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC  
Grand Central Station, PO Box 4850  
New York, NY 10163-4850**

**By Overnight Courier or Hand Delivery:**

**JOANN Inc. (2025) Claims Processing Center  
c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC  
850 Third Avenue, Suite 412  
Brooklyn, NY 11232**

<p><b>PROOFS OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.</b></p>
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- h. Receipt of Service. Claimants wishing to receive acknowledgment that their paper proofs of claim were received by Kroll must submit (i) a copy of the Proof of Claim Form (in addition to the original Proof of Claim Form sent to Kroll) and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**V. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO TIMELY FILE YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM**

Pursuant to the Bar Date Order and pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(2), if you or any party or entity who is required, but fails, to file a proof of claim in accordance with the Bar Date order on or before the applicable Bar Date, please be advised that:

- a. YOU WILL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS;
- b. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES ON ACCOUNT OF THAT CLAIM; AND
- c. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN OR PLANS FOR THE DEBTORS ON ACCOUNT OF THESE BARRED CLAIMS.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, if an entity has a scheduled claim against the Debtors, such claim is undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated, and the entity agrees with the scheduled amount, such entity may be eligible to



## VI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained in this Notice is intended to or should be construed as a waiver of the Debtors' right to: (a) dispute, or assert offsets or defenses against, any filed claim or any claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to the nature, amount, liability, or classification thereof; (b) subsequently designate any scheduled claim as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated; and (c) otherwise amend or supplement the Schedules.

## VII. THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against one or more of the Debtor entities in the Debtors' Schedules. To determine if and how you are listed on the Schedules, please refer to the descriptions set forth on the enclosed Proof of Claim Forms regarding the nature, amount, and status of your claim(s). If the Debtors believe that you may hold claims against more than 1 Debtor entity, you will receive multiple Proof of Claim Forms, each of which will reflect the nature and amount of your claim against 1 Debtor entity, as listed in the Schedules.

If you rely on the Debtors' Schedules, it is your responsibility to determine that the claim is accurately listed in the Schedules. However, you may rely on the enclosed form, which sets forth the amount of your claim (if any) as scheduled; identifies the Debtor entity against which it is scheduled; specifies whether your claim is listed in the Schedules as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated; and identifies whether your claim is scheduled as a secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority claim.

As described above, if you agree with the nature, amount, and status of your claim as listed in the Debtors' Schedules, and if you do not dispute that your claim is only against the Debtor entity specified by the Debtors, and if your claim is not described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," you need *not* file a proof of claim. Otherwise, or if you decide to file a proof of claim, you must do so before the applicable Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.

## VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Copies of the Debtors' Schedules, the Bar Date Order, and other information regarding these chapter 11 cases are available for inspection free of charge on Kroll's website at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025>. The Schedules and other filings in these chapter 11 cases also are available for a fee at the Court's website at <http://www.deb.uscourts.gov>. A login identification and password to the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records ("PACER") are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Copies of the Schedules and other documents filed in these cases also may be examined between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

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vote to accept or reject any chapter 11 plan filed in these chapter 11 cases and participate in any distribution in these chapter 11 cases on account of such claim.

If you require additional information regarding the filing of a proof of claim, you may contact the Debtors' claims agent, Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, by calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at: (844) 712-2239 (U.S. & Canada) or (646) 863-7121 (International), or writing (i) via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Claims Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4850, New York, NY 10163-4850, or via hand delivery or overnight mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Claims Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232, or (ii) via email to: [Joann2025Info@ra.kroll.com](mailto:Joann2025Info@ra.kroll.com) with a reference to "JOANN Inc. (2025)" in the subject line.

**A HOLDER OF A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THIS NOTICE, SUCH AS WHETHER THE HOLDER SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM**