Information to identify the case:

Debtor: Stage Stores, Inc.

Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

Date case filed for Chapter 11:

EIN: 91-1826900

Case Number: 20-32564 (DRJ) May 10, 2020

Official Form 309F (For Corporations or Partnerships)

Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case

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For the debtor listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors, debtors, and trustees, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtor or the debtor's property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtor. Creditors cannot demand repayment from the debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. A creditor who wants to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. (See line 11 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below, through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at www.pacer.gov), or the website established by the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at www.kccllc.net/stagestores.

A form to open an account on the bankruptcy court's electronic case filing system may be obtained at: http://www.txs.uscourts.gov/sites/txs/files/CRECFform.pdf, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case.

1. Debtors' full name: See chart below.

List of Jointly Administered Cases

NO. 1	DEBTOR Stage Stores, Inc.	Prior Names	CASE NO. 20-32564	EIN # 91-1826900
2	Specialty Retailers, Inc.	d/b/a Bealls, Goody's, Gordmans, Palais Royal, Peebles, Stage	20-32565	74-0821900

2. All other names used in the last 8 years: See chart above				
3. Address:	2425 West Loop	2425 West Loop South,		
	77027			
4. Debtors' attorneys	:			
Matthew D. Cavenaugh	(TX Bar No. 24062656)	Debtors' notice and claims agent (for court		
Jennifer F. Wertz (TX B	,	documents and case information inquiries):		
Kristhy M. Peguero (TX	Bar No. 24102776)	• ,		
Veronica A. Polnick (TX Bar No. 24079148)		If by First-Class Mail:		
JACKSON WALKER L.L.P.		Stage Stores Claims Processing Center		
1401 McKinney Street, Suite 1900		c/o KCC		
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c/o KCC

222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300

El Segundo, CA 90245

Telephone: (866) 967-0495 (U.S./Canada)

(310) 751-2695 (International)

Hours Open: Monday - Friday

Contact phone: 713-250-5500

Remote Dial-In: (877) 760-2047

Passcode: 713.752.4440#

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Email: www.kccllc.net/stagestores/inquiry
Case website: www.kccllc.net/stagestores

5. Bankruptcy Clerk's Office

United States Courthouse 515 Rusk Avenue Houston, Texas 77002

Documents in this case may be filed at this address.

You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at www.pacer.gov All documents in this case are available free of charge on the website of the Debtors' notice and claims agent at www.kccllc.net/stagestores

6. Meeting of Creditors Location: Telephonic

June 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

The debtor's representative must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. Creditors may attend,

under oath. Creditors may attend but are not required to do so. (prevailing Central Time)
The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date

will be on the court docket.

7. Proof of claim deadline: Deadline for filing proof of claim: Not yet set. If a deadline is set, notice will be sent at a later time.

A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at www.kccllc.net/stagestores, www.uscourts.gov or any bankruptcy clerk's office.

Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:

- Your claim is designated as disputed, contingent or unliquidated;
- You file a proof of claim in a different amount; or
- You receive another notice

If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.

	You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at www.pacer.gov
	Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.
8. Exception to discharge deadline	You must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint if you want to have a debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(6)(A).
The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive a complaint and any required filing fee by the following deadline.	Deadline for filing the complaint: To be Determined
9. Creditors with a foreign address	If you are a creditor receiving notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.
10. Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case	Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate its business.
11. Discharge of debts	Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtor except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt owed to you excepted from the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(6)(A), you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint and paying the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.

If you have any questions related to this notice, please call (888) 647-1732 (U.S./Canada), or (310) 751-2622 (International). Court filings and other documents related to the Chapter 11 process in the U.S. are available at www.kccllc.net/stagestores.