THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION CIVIL CASE NO. 1:11-cv-00186-MR-DLH

SYNOVUS BANK,)	
	Plaintiff,)	
	VS.)	<u>O R D E R</u>
RANDY J. GARVEY,)	
	Defendant.)	

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's Suggestion of Bankruptcy [Doc. 42].

The Defendant has filed a notice with the Court that he filed a bankruptcy case under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on July 29, 2013. It is well-settled that "[w]hen litigation is pending against the debtor at the time a bankruptcy case is commenced, the litigation is stayed automatically." 3 <u>Collier on Bankruptcy</u> ¶ 362.03[3] (16th ed. 2011); <u>see also</u> 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1) (providing that a bankruptcy petition operates as an automatic stay of "the commencement or continuation . . . of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the debtor"). Accordingly, the Court will consider this action stayed.

Accordingly, **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that this action is hereby **STAYED** until further Order of the Court.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close this case administratively.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 15, 2013

Martin Reidinger United States District Judge