

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

BANKRUPTCY UNCLAIMED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT IN COURT REGISTRY

**Background**

The Bankruptcy Court holds funds on deposit in the Court Registry. These funds represent monies which trustees have unsuccessfully tried to distribute to parties in bankruptcy cases. Typically these funds are held for a creditor in a case and, less frequently, may be funds held for a debtor.

When unclaimed funds are deposited in the court registry, the trustee files a motion with the court requesting that the trustee be allowed to deposit the funds in the court registry. If there are no objections, the court enters an order approving the motion, and the trustee sends the funds to the court. Notice of these actions is sent to the creditor(s) and debtor(s) at the last known address on file with the court. Once the court approves the deposit to the registry, parties with a legitimate claim to the funds must follow court procedure for obtaining the funds.

**How to Locate Unclaimed Funds**

If you believe you have funds on deposit with the court, you can obtain information about these funds from two sources:

1. Case Docket. If you know the bankruptcy case number and have access to PACER, you can research the specific funds by accessing the docket report and searching for the motion and order to deposit funds in the court registry. The motion will list the amount of funds held for each party. If you have no access to PACER but have a case number or debtor name, court staff can assist you to determine whether any motions to deposit funds in the court registry have been filed in a case. (816-512-1818, ext. 6, 9 - 4:30 CST weekdays)
2. Financial Report. The Court posts a quarterly report to its website listing all funds on deposit with the registry. The report contains the bankruptcy case number, debtor name, name of party for whom funds are held, and the amount of funds. This report can be found at: [insert url]

The following sample is a listing of a single case from the financial report with annotations about reading the report and translating the information.

Case number translates to 00-40508.  
 Ignore BMOW and the first digit.  
 Substitute a hyphen for BK0.

**U.S. Courts**  
**Fund Trial Balance - All Cases**  
**Unclaimed Money Fund - Division All**

Name of Creditor for whom funds are held.

Case Number		Case Title		Date added to list.		Amount on deposit		First Case Trans Date	Last Case	
Party Num	Party Name	Debt Type	Current Balance	First Trans Date	Last Trans Date	Document Type/Number	Transaction Amount	Payee	Trans Date	Trans Amt
BMOW400BK040508	IN RE PAMELA REGINA BANKS						422.50	10/31/2009	10/31/2009	422.50
001	PAMELA REGINA BAN	UNCLAIMED FUNDS	422.50	10/31/2009	10/31/2009	CK 995	422.50	AMERIREQUEST MORTGAG		422.50

### How to Claim Funds

Parties with a claim to funds held in the court registry must file a motion to pay funds out of the court registry. Attorneys must file the motion electronically. To obtain the registration form for electronic filing, go to [insert url] Pro se parties may file a motion to pay funds out of the court registry in paper format by mailing the motion to the court at the address below. Claimants who are not individuals (corporate or business entities) must be represented by an attorney.

The motion must include information sufficient to prove that the party has both a legitimate claim to the funds and verification of the claimant's identity. As evidence of the legitimacy of your claim, you may include an original claim form, or other documentation evidencing funds owed to the party in the bankruptcy. If claims have been transferred or corporate names have been changed, documentation evidencing this history and succession should be provided. An example of identity verification would be a copy of your picture i.d., such as a driver's license. For a corporation, include a copy of a business card plus corporate documentation of assignment, assumption, merger, and/or dissolution and document granting authority to act on behalf of the corporation.

The court will deny motions not supported by documentation clearly demonstrating a rightful claim to the funds. If the court approves your motion, you will receive a copy of the order. You can expect to receive your funds in approximately 4 weeks.

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 Kansas City, MO 64106  
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