IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI



2011 GENERAL ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULE 2016 RELATED TO CHAPTER 13 ATTORNEY FEES

For good cause shown, and pending revision to this Court's local rules, it is hereby ORDERED that Local Rule 2016-1 is amended to read:

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- **D.** When Application Unnecessary. If debtor's attorney's total fee in a case is \$3,000 or less and if the attorney and the debtor(s) have signed the applicable Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (See Local Forms MOW 2016-1.3 or 2016-1.4), the disclosure of fees in initial filings is sufficient and it is unnecessary to file an application under subpart C of this rule.
- **E. Adversary Proceedings.** The fee amount set forth in Paragraph D does not include the filing of any adversary proceeding necessary to obtain confirmation of a Chapter 13 plan. If it is necessary to file an adversary proceeding to obtain confirmation of a plan, and if the attorney and the debtor(s) have signed the applicable Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (**See Local Form MOW 2016-1.4**), the attorney's fee will be allowed in an amount not to exceed \$1000 per adversary proceeding without an itemized application. For fee amounts in excess of \$1000, the attorney shall comply with the requirements of Paragraph B of this rule. Fees pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the Court upon submission of an application at the close of the adversary proceeding.
- **E. Post-Confirmation Attorney Fees in Chapter 13 Cases**. Additional attorney fees, if any, for post-confirmation services may be allowed according to the flat fee schedule set out in this rule. Any deviation from this schedule shall be by motion made to the Court, supported by detailed time and expense records.

Motions to Suspend or Abate Payments - \$ 200

Motions to Incur Additional Debt - \$ 150

Motions to Distribute Insurance Proceeds - \$ 125

Motion to Retain Tax Refund Greater than \$2,500 - \$150

Motion for Payoff of Chapter 13 Plan - \$75

Motion for Relief from Stay (divorce) - \$200

Defense of Motions for Relief from the Automatic Stay - \$ 350

Defense of Motions to Dismiss - \$ 200

Certificate of Service Regarding State Tax Returns - \$ 100

Obtaining Confirmation of Amended Plan - \$250

Amendments to Schedules - \$ 150

Amendments to Schedules I & J with Business Attachments - \$ 200

Filing Proofs of Claim on behalf of creditors - \$ 125

Objections to Proofs of Claim (no hearing) - \$ 125

Objections to Proofs of Claim (with hearing) - \$ 225

Motions to Sell Property - \$ 200

Motions to Employ Counsel/Professional - \$ 175

Motions to Approve Settlement/Allow Use of Settlement - \$ 175

Motion to Avoid Lien or Avoid Judgment - \$200

Motions to Vacate or Set Aside Order - \$ 125

Motions for Emergency Hearing - \$ 100

Appearance at Hearing Due to Trustee's Request for Hearing Based on Debtor's Failure to Cooperate - \$ 125

Review of a Notice of Payment Change or a Notice of Fees, Expenses, and Charges (Local Rule 3094-1.C.3.) (without filing an objection) - \$50

Objections to a Notice of Payment Change or a Notice of Fees, Expenses, and Charges (Local Rule 3094-1.C.3.) (no hearing) - \$250

Objections to a Notice of Payment Change or a Notice of Fees, Expenses, and Charges (Local Rule 3094-1.C.3.) (with hearing) - \$350

Debtor's attorney may also request reimbursement for expenses, in addition to the above fee schedule, at the rate of up to \$0.25 per copy and any postage costs that debtor's attorney incurs. Debtor's attorney must include the number of copies, the postage rate, and the number of items mailed in the request for post-confirmation fees.

Debtor's attorney seeking payment of flat fees pursuant to this rule shall file with the court a motion (**See Local Form - MOW 2016-1.2**) identifying the services provided, and stating that the services are for post-confirmation work. Such motion shall be served on the debtor, the trustee, the United States Trustee, and parties who requested notice, with 21 days after service to object. Motions for post-confirmation fees in excess of \$1,000 must be noticed to all creditors pursuant to Local Rule 2016-1. If no objections are filed, the court may enter an order as to such fees without further hearing.

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This General Order shall apply to all affected filings filed on or after December 1, 2011, and shall remain in effect until further order or notice of this court.

/s/ Dennis R. Dow
Dennis R. Dow, Chief Bankruptcy Judge
/s/ Arthur B. Federman
Arthur B. Federman, Bankruptcy Judge
/s/ Jerry W. Venters
Jerry W. Venters, Bankruptcy Judge

Kansas City, Missouri Dated: November 29, 2011