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A letter to the Bankruptcy Community:

Re: Attorney Fees for Chapter 13 Cases

Pursuant to Local Rule 2016-1(b), Compensation of Professionals, Attorney for Debtor - Chapter 13:

“The attorney for debtor in a chapter 13 case is excused from the application requirements of Fed.R.Bankr.P 2016(a) and the notice requirement of Fed.R.Bankr.P. 2002(a)(6) if the request for compensation is less than the base amount established by the court at the time of confirmation of the plan. The base amount figure is available from the clerk and applies to all attorney compensation through the first confirmation of a plan.”

For Chapter 13 cases that were filed between August 10, 1998 and December 31, 2003, the base fee amount was \$1001.00. For Chapter 13 cases filed between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2005, the base fee amount was \$1251.00. For Chapter 13 cases that were filed between January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2010, the base fee amount was \$1751.00. **Effective immediately, the base amount established by the court for compensation in Chapter 13 cases has increased to \$3001.00. This base amount is inclusive of the Chapter 13 filing fee. This base amount applies retroactively to all cases filed on or after January 1, 2010.**

Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions pertaining to this policy change.

Sincerely,

Sean F. McAvoy
Clerk of Court

cc: Judge Paul Kilburg
Judge William Edmonds