



United States Bankruptcy Court

Northern District of Indiana

United States Courthouse

5400 Federal Plaza

Suite 3800

Hammond, Indiana 46320-1840

March 8, 2019

TO: The Chapter 13 Bar

RE: Attorney's Fees Awarded to Counsel for Chapter 13 Debtor(s)

It has been policy of this Court, effective June 1, 2012, to award up to a maximum of \$3,400.00 in attorney's fees to debtor's counsel for representing a debtor in a routine, consumer case under Chapter 13, without the necessity of filing an itemized fee application. Any fee in excess of that sum required an itemized fee application for extraordinary, unusual, or unanticipated legal services that were rendered to debtor or debtor's estate.

The Judges of the Hammond Division of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana have deemed it appropriate to increase the standard compensation for routine, consumer Chapter 13 cases. The Court has concluded that this figure should now be adjusted upward to \$4,000.00 (\$2,000.00 upon confirmation, and \$200.00 per month following confirmation until the balance is paid). Accordingly, effective April 1, 2019, as to any Chapter 13 case filed on or after that date, the Court will approve a fee not to exceed \$4,000.00 for Chapter 13 debtor's counsel, without the necessity of an itemized fee application, in a routine, consumer case.

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James Ahler, Judge  
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Handwritten signature of Kent Lindquist in black ink.

Kent Lindquist, Judge  
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cc: Trustee  
U.S. Trustee