

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE )  
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**ORDER AMENDING LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES**

Notice of proposed amendments to the local rules of this court was given to the bar and the public on February 11, 2022. The last date for submitting comments concerning the proposed amendments was March 11, 2022, and the court did not receive any comments. Effective immediately, the local rules of the court are amended as follows.

1. Local Bankruptcy Rule B-2002-2, Notice of Opportunity to Object to Motions, is amended, adding a new paragraph, which reads:

(a)(28) In cases under Chapter 12 and 13, applications to employ professionals, other than debtor's counsel.

2. Local Bankruptcy Rule B-2002-3, Limited Notice in Chapter 7 Cases, is amended to include Chapter 12 and 13 cases, which is now titled Limited Notice in Chapter 7, 12, and 13 Cases, and now reads:

In Chapter 7, 12 and 13 cases, after all time periods for filing proofs of claim have expired, all notices required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a), except for the notice of dismissal or denial of discharge, shall be served only upon the debtor, the attorney for debtor, the case trustee, the United States trustee, creditors who have filed claims or are directly affected by the relief sought, and creditors, if any, who are still permitted to file claims by reason of an extension granted under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002(c)(1) or (c)(2).

3. The court adopts new Local Bankruptcy Rule B-2016-1, Presumptively Reasonable Attorney's Fees in Chapter 13 Cases, which reads:

(a) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) is presumed to be a reasonable attorney's fee for counsel's services representing a debtor in a routine, consumer case under Chapter 13. This presumption may be rebutted in the event of an objection to the award of such a fee.

(b) A fee that does not exceed the presumptively reasonable fee may be awarded, following notice to all creditors, either upon application or through the additional provisions (part 8.1) of a confirmed plan without the need for counsel to provide supporting documentation, such as time records, concerning counsel's services.

(c) If a case is dismissed or counsel's services terminate prior to discharge, the court

may, on the motion of any party in interest, review the reasonableness of any presumptively reasonable fee awarded pursuant to this rule.

(d) Counsel may apply for fees in excess of the presumptively reasonable fee for extraordinary, unusual, or unanticipated legal services. Such an application must be accompanied by supporting documentation demonstrating the reasonable value of those services.

3. Local Bankruptcy Rule B-3007-1, Objections to Claims; Default, is amended, adding a new paragraph addressing the valuation of a secured claim in a claim objection, and now reads:

(a) Except as otherwise authorized by Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure regarding omnibus claim objections, an objection to a proof of claim shall be limited to the claim or claims filed by a single creditor, unless the objection is directed to a claim which has been filed jointly by more than one creditor.

(b) An objection to a proof of claim shall identify the creditor by name and the claim number as assigned by the court, and

(1) shall state with specificity the basis for disallowance or allowance in an amount or with a priority other than that claimed.

(2) If the objection requests the determination of the amount of a secured claim (*see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3012), movant shall identify the property securing the claim, the value of that property, the amounts due on account of any senior liens or interests, and any other mathematical calculations used to determine the objector's proposed amount of the secured claim.

(c) Local Bankruptcy Form 2 (LBF-2) shall be used to give the claimant notice of the claim objection and the opportunity to respond thereto, instead of Official Bankruptcy Form 20(B).

(d) The objector shall be responsible for completing LBF-2 and serving it, along with the claim objection, and making due proof thereof, in accordance with Rule 7004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure upon:

(1) the claimant, and;

(2) the debtor.

(e) Unless a response to the objection is filed within thirty (30) days following service of the notice of objection, the court may disallow or modify the claim in accordance with the objection, without further hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 22, 2022

/s/ Robert E. Grant

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Robert E. Grant, Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ James R. Ahler

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James R. Ahler, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ Paul E. Singleton

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Paul E. Singleton, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ Kent Lindquist

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Kent Lindquist, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court