

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

COURT ENTRY OF STANDING ORDER 25-1

**ADJUSTMENT IN LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2016-1(C) COMPENSATION
FOR DEBTOR'S COUNSEL IN CHAPTER 13 CASES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(3)(e) and (i), therein, provides that in a Chapter 13 case where the debtor is represented by an attorney:

(e) The level of compensation set forth at subparagraph (C)(1)(a) and (C)(3)(a) of this Local Bankruptcy Rule will be adjusted on a periodic basis to apply to the cases commenced after the adjusted level becomes effective by:

(i) the percentage of adjustment to the rate of pay prescribed in the General Schedule for statutorily affected federal civilian employees[.]

Subparagraphs (C)(1)(a) and (C)(3)(a) of Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1 reference the “Adjustment of Dollar Amounts’ statement published and updated periodically by the Clerk, as approved by the Court,. . . .” That statement sets forth the fee and expenses that the Court may award to chapter 13 debtors’ counsel, in its discretion, without a hearing.

Accordingly, as set forth in Standing Order 25-1, effective January 1, 2025, the prescribed level of compensation is adjusted from \$6,637, where the former figure appeared in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, to \$6,750, as the statement now has been updated by the Clerk. The level of compensation set forth in Standing Orders 14-4, 15-1, 16-2, 17-2, 18-1, 19-2, 20-1, 21-1, 22-1, 23-1, and 24-1 remain in effect for the periods, as respectively set forth in Standing Order 25-1.

Charri S. Stewart
Clerk of Court

Date: January 2, 2025

Attachment

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:)
)
Compensation of Debtor's) Standing Order 25-1
Counsel in Chapter 13 Cases)
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ORDER ON FEES FOR DEBTOR'S COUNSEL IN CHAPTER 13 CASES

Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(3)(e) and (i), therein, provide that the Court may adjust the compensation of an attorney representing a debtor in a Chapter 13 case:

(e) The level of compensation set forth at subparagraph (C)(1)(a) and (C)(3)(a) of this Local Bankruptcy Rule will be adjusted on a periodic basis to apply to the cases commenced after the adjusted level becomes effective by:

(i) the percentage of adjustment to the rate of pay prescribed in the General Schedule for statutorily affected federal civilian employees[.]

Subparagraphs (C)(1)(a) and (C)(3)(a) of Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1 reference the “Adjustment of Dollar Amounts’ statement published and updated periodically by the Clerk, as approved by the Court” That statement sets forth the fee and expenses that the Court may award to chapter 13 debtors’ counsel, in its discretion, without a hearing.

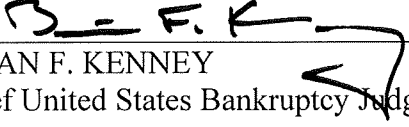
NOW, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Where “\$6,637” previously appeared in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, the statement shall be updated to read “\$6,750.” Such adjustment to compensation shall apply to Chapter 13 cases commenced on or after January 1, 2025.
2. Standing Order No. 14-4, as to the \$5,000 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from August 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, inclusive.
3. Standing Order No. 15-1, as to the \$5,050 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, inclusive.
4. Standing Order No. 16-2, as to the \$5,100 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, inclusive.

5. Standing Order No. 17-2, as to the \$5,151 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, inclusive.
6. Standing Order No. 18-1, as to the \$5,223 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, inclusive.
7. Standing Order No. 19-2, as to the \$5,296 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, inclusive.
8. Standing Order No. 20-1, as to the \$5,434 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, inclusive.
9. Standing Order No. 21-1, as to the \$5,488 fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, inclusive.
10. Standing Order 22-1, as to the "\$5,609" fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, inclusive.
11. Standing Order 23-1, as to the "\$5,839" fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases that commenced from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, inclusive.
12. By direction of the Court, to account for the additional work required of counsel in chapter 13 cases as a result of the adoption of new Local Bankruptcy Rule 3002-1.1, which was not within the scope of services contemplated by the presumptively reasonable fee that counsel may elect under Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a) and (C)(3)(a), the Clerk increased the amount set forth in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement by \$500, to \$6,339, effective August 1, 2023
13. Standing Order 24-1, as to the "\$6,637" fee specified in Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(C)(1)(a), (C)(3) heading, and (C)(3)(a), and heretofore in the Adjustment of Dollar Amounts statement published by the Clerk, shall continue to apply to Chapter 13 cases

that commenced from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, inclusive.

FOR THE COURT:



BRIAN F. KENNEY
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: January 2, 2025