

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

**AMENDMENT TO BANKRUPTCY COURT MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE, ITEM 11,
ADDING A NEW EXCEPTION TO COLLECTING A CASE REOPENING FEE, EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 1, 2020**

At its September 2020 session, the Judicial Conference of the United States (“Judicial Conference”) approved an amendment to Item 11 of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule (28 U.S.C. § 1930) to add an additional exception to collecting a case reopening fee. This change will take effect December 1, 2020. As of that date, and thereafter, a case reopening fee will not be charged “when a party files a motion to reopen a case to request to withdraw unclaimed funds, unless the court orders otherwise.” The other exceptions specified therein remain in place. A Public Notice to this effect has been placed on the [Court’s internet website’s Home Page](#) under the Virginia Eastern News header.

The Judicial Conference has undertaken this action to provide clarity and promote uniformity among the bankruptcy courts as to this Item 11. The exception, however, would not bar courts from charging the reopening fee and gives courts discretion to do so in unusual circumstances, as the language allows a court to charge the fee if the court so orders.

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Clerk of Court

Date: November 23, 2020