

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

NOTICE

MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Several changes to the Miscellaneous Fees which the Bankruptcy Court must charge will become effective on January 1, 2007. Some of those changes are as follows:

1. New Fee for Converting a Case from A Chapter with a Lower Filing Fee to a Chapter with a Higher Filing Fee. This change ensures that all debtors pay the same amount for the same type of cases and relief. These fees do not apply to sua sponte conversions by the Court:

- for converting a Chapter 13 case to Chapter 7 - \$25
- for converting a Chapter 12 case to Chapter 7 - \$60
- for converting a Chapter 12 case to Chapter 13 - \$35

2. No Waiver of Fee for Reinstatement of 'No Discharge' Case. The Judicial Conference made clear that the fee **must** be charged in a case closed without discharge because the debtors failed to provide proof of completion of a financial management course. General Order 06- 003, which permitted waiver of that fee, will be modified.

3. New \$15 Fee for Reopening Chapter 7 Case. An additional \$15 will be charged for reopening a Chapter 7 case or for splitting a joint Chapter 7 case. The total fee will be \$260.

4. New \$15 Fee for Splitting a Joint Chapter 7 Case. An additional \$15 will be charged when a joint Chapter 7 case is split into two separate cases. The total fee will be \$260.

The Judicial Conference also confirmed that fees for reopening a case and for splitting a joint case under other Chapters will be linked to the statutory filing fees. Therefore, the fee for reopening or splitting a Chapter 13 case will be \$235.

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Clerk