

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

NOTICE: SEPARATE FILING OF APPLICATION
TO PAY PROFESSIONAL FEES REQUIRED

Pursuant to the requirements of the Judicial Conference, the Clerk is now required to track electronically all objections to fee applications and their disposition. That tracking cannot be accomplished when an application to pay fees is embedded within a pleading seeking other relief. Most frequently, this problem arises with motions filed by trustees seeking approval of a compromise and settlement of a tort or other cause of action, linked with a request to pay special counsel.

Accordingly, effective December 11, 2006, any application to pay professional fees that is included in another pleading will result in a deficiency notice, and will not be processed by the Court until a separate application has been filed. (Note also that Local Rule B-9013-1(a) requires separate motions.) **The New Albany Division has been enforcing this requirement for some time, and will continue to do so.**

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

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Kevin P. Dempsey, Clerk