

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**STANDING ORDER NO. 22**

Effective immediately, the following proposed Local Rule 5082-2 is adopted as a standing order applied in all chapter 13 cases heard by Judge Black:

**RULE 5082-2            APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION AND  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES IN CASES UNDER CHAPTER 13**

**A.     Definitions**

For the purpose of this Rule:

- (1)     “Form Itemization” means Local Bankruptcy Forms 21 and 22.
- (2)     “Form Fee Application” means Local Bankruptcy Form 23.
- (3)     “Form Fee Order” means Local Bankruptcy Form 23a or 23b.
- (4)     “Model Retention Agreement” means Local Bankruptcy Form 23c.
- (5)     “Flat fee” means a fee not supported by an itemization of time and services.
- (6)     “Creditors Meeting Notice” means the Official Notice of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, and Deadlines. (Official Form B9I.)
- (7)     “Original Confirmation Date” means the date of the confirmation hearing specified in the Creditors Meeting Notice.

**B.     Requirements**

- (1)     All requests for awards of compensation to debtor’s counsel in chapter 13 cases must be made using the Form Fee Application, which must be accompanied by a completed Form Fee Order specifying the amounts requested.
- (2)     Applications for original fees must be noticed for hearing on the Original Confirmation Date at the time for confirmation hearings.

**C.     Model Retention Agreement**

- (1) If debtor's counsel and the debtor have entered into the Model Retention Agreement, counsel may apply for a Flat Fee not to exceed the amount authorized by the applicable General Order.
- (2) If debtor's counsel and the debtor have **not entered into the Model Retention Agreement, the Form Fee Application must be accompanied by a completed Form Itemization.**

**D. Notice**

- (1) All fee applications must be filed with the clerk, served on the debtor, the trustee, and all creditors, and noticed for hearing as an original motion in accordance with Rule 9013-3. However, a fee application need not be served on all creditors if
  - (a) the Creditor Meeting Notice is attached to the application, has been served on all creditors, and discloses the amount of original compensation sought; and
  - (b) the hearing on compensation is noticed for the Original Confirmation Date.
- (2) Rule 9013-1, which governs the dates for the presentment of motions, does not apply to requests under this Rule.

**E. Compensation Following Dismissal**

- (1) When a chapter 13 case is dismissed, the court will retain jurisdiction to hear requests from debtor's counsel for compensation as follows:
  - (a) In cases heard in Chicago and Rockford, jurisdiction will be retained for 30 days following the date of dismissal.
  - (b) In cases not heard in Chicago or Rockford, jurisdiction will be retained for 45 days following the date of dismissal.
- (2) Notice of a request for compensation under this subsection E must be given in accordance with subsection D.
- (3) If a request for compensation has not been both filed and heard before the end of the period during which the court has retained jurisdiction, the trustee may disburse any funds the trustee has on hand in accordance with the policies of the trustee's office.

**Date: September 17, 2007**

**ENTERED:**

        /s/                  
**Bruce W. Black**  
**Bankruptcy Judge**