

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

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 07-02**

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The Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, having revised, as of May 1, 2007, both the model "Rights And Responsibilities Agreement Between Chapter 13 Debtors and Their Attorneys" (the "Model Retention Agreement"), and the form application for compensation of Chapter 13 professionals, required to be used pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 5082-2 (Local Form No. 23, the "form application"), copies of which documents are available in the office of the Clerk of the Court, and which are published on the Court's website—[www.ilnb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ilnb.uscourts.gov),


**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, as to cases filed on or after May 1, 2007,** requests for awards of compensation to debtors' attorneys in Chapter 13 cases, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(4)(B), will be allowed without submission of an itemization of services rendered, provided that:

1. The completed form application reflects that the current (May 1, 2007) Model Retention Agreement has been entered into, and
2. The compensation sought does not exceed \$3500 for all services required under the Model Retention Agreement through the completion of the case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** in connection with such applications, if the debtor or the debtor's spouse was a debtor in a Chapter 13 case dismissed within one year of the current filing, the court may exercise its discretion to award a fee of less than \$3500.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** if the form application fails to reflect that the current Model Retention Agreement has been entered into (requiring provision of services through completion of the case), or if the compensation sought exceeds \$3500, an itemization of all services provided by debtors' attorneys must be submitted with the application.

**ENTER FOR THE COURT:**

  
Eugene R. Wedoff  
Chief Judge

**Date: April 26, 2007**