

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Notice to Practitioners Regarding Changes to Miscellaneous Fee Schedules
Effective January 1, 2007

The Judicial Conference approved several changes to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and the Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule relating to implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention Consumer Act of 2005 and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. These changes will be effective January 1, 2007.

Revised Fee Schedule

Conversion Fee Revisions	
11 to 7	\$ 15.00
12 to 7	\$ 60.00
13 to 7	\$ 25.00
12 to 13	\$ 35.00
12 to 11	\$800.00

The conversion fee for converting a case from a chapter with a lower filing fee to a chapter with a higher filing fee is the difference between the two statutory filing fees. In addition, there is a \$15.00 fee for converting any chapter to a chapter 7 case. The fees listed above represent the total conversion fee; combining the \$15.00 fee and the statutory filing fee for those cases converting to a chapter 7.

No conversion fee is charged when the conversion order is made sua sponte by the court.

Reopening Fee Revisions

Chapter 7	\$ 260.00
Chapter 13	\$ 235.00
Chapter 12	\$ 200.00

The exemption from paying the fee to reopen a case can be applied in only two situations; (1)reopening a case to permit a party to file a complaint to obtain a determination under Rule 4007(b), or (2)reopening a case when a creditor is violating the terms of the discharge under 11 U.S. C. § 524.

A debtor whose case is closed without a discharge due to the failure to complete the financial management course cannot claim exemption from the reopening fee by asserting that the filing is related to the discharge. The Judicial Conference amended Item 11 of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Court Fee Schedule to state that the fee applies to a request to reopen a case in which the court did not enter a discharge. A debtor seeking to reopen a case to file the certificate of completion of a financial management course must pay the reopening fee, as no discharge has been granted in the case.

Splitting a Joint Case Fee Revisions (request of debtor(s))

Chapter 7	\$ 260.00
Chapter 13	\$ 235.00

Filing Fee for Direct Appeal or Cross Appeal from Bankruptcy Court Decision to Court of Appeals

Request for Direct Appeal from Bankruptcy Court to Court of Appeals	\$255.00
Court of Appeals Authorizes Direct Appeal	\$200.00
Request for Direct Cross Appeal from Bankruptcy Court to Court of Appeals .	\$255.00
Court of Appeals Authorizes Direct Cross Appeal	\$200.00

Dated: December 12, 2006

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Clerk of Court