

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO BANKRUPTCY PRACTITIONERS

INCREASE IN ADVERSARY FEE

Pursuant to a provision in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, the fee for filing a civil action in the U. S. District Court increased to \$250.00 effective February 7, 2005. Although the filing fee for an adversary complaint in bankruptcy is linked to the civil fee, an increase to the adversary fee was held in abeyance.

Pursuant to a memorandum from the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts dated August 10, 2005, the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference has decided to increase the adversary filing fee to track the civil action fee. Therefore, effective **September 20, 2005**, the filing fee for an adversary proceeding will be increased to **\$250.00**.

ECF TRAINING

_____ It has come to the attention of the Court that a few practitioners have attended ECF training even though they have not met the hardware and software requirements to file electronically. Henceforth, practitioners who have not met these requirements will be asked to leave the training class and to reschedule training after meeting the requirements.

September and October classes will soon be posted on the court's website. Before registering for a class, practitioners are required to **read** the "*Terms of Agreement*" and "*Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing*".

PROOF OF CLAIMS

_____ Proof of claims may now be filed electronically by registered filers.

ECF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

An update of the "Frequently Asked Questions" link under CM/ECF is now available on the court's website. This update is based on calls and emails to the CM/ECF help desk since going "live" with electronic filing.

ATTORNEY USER MANUAL

_____ Registered ECF filers are reminded that there is an ECF Attorney User Manual on the court's website.

Dated: August 11, 2005

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Clerk of Court

