

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

**STANDING ORDER NO. 3
REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAPTER 13 FEE REQUESTS AND 30 DAY
RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

The Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, having adopted a model “Rights And Responsibilities Agreement Between Chapter 13 Debtors and Their Attorneys” (the “Model Retention Agreement”), together with a form application for compensation pursuant to the Model Retention Agreement, 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT 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 application for award of compensation is set forth on the form adopted by the Court for that purpose, stating that the Model Retention Agreement has been entered into, and identifying which compensation option the Agreement includes (flat fee for services through confirmation or flat fee for services through case closing); and

2. The compensation sought does not exceed \$2,200 for services rendered through confirmation or \$2,700 for services rendered through the entire case.

3. In cases filed under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, where counsel for the debtor is requesting fees in excess of \$2,100, and has not entered into the Model Retention Agreement referred to above, counsel shall file with the Clerk of the Court an application for fees in accordance with the rules for presenting such motions. Any applications for fees in excess of \$2,100 amount shall include a detailed itemization of services rendered for the fees sought.

4. The Court will strike all Fee Applications in Chapter 13 cases that:

- (a) Fail to use the currently approved form “Attorney’s Application for Compensation For Representing Chapter 13 Debtor(s)”, as Published on the Court’s website – www.ilnb.uscourts.gov, and

- (b) Fail to attach either the Official 341 Creditors' Meeting Notice showing the

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amount of fees requested or alternatively, Certificate of Service, showing Notice of the Fee Request to the debtor, the Chapter 13 Trustee and all creditors and other Parties in interest, in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Rules.

5. This Court hereby retains jurisdiction in any Chapter 13 petition it dismisses in order to entertain fee applications from the debtor's counsel. Such a fee application shall be noticed to the debtor, the Chapter 13 Trustee, and all creditors. It shall be noticed for hearing within 30 days of the date of dismissal. If no application is filed within the 30 day period, the Trustee shall disburse any funds he may have on hand in accordance with the established policy and procedures of his/her office.

Dated: May 30, 2003

ENTER: _____ /S/
Pamela S. Hollis
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge