

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
DANVILLE/URBANA DIVISION

ORDER REGARDING ATTORNEY FEES
FOR DEBTORS' COUNSEL
IN CHAPTER 13 AND CHAPTER 7 PROCEEDINGS

Chapter 13

The Bankruptcy Court in the Danville/Urbana Division, Central District of Illinois, currently requires Debtors' counsel to submit a detailed fee itemization in any Chapter 13 case where compensation sought is in excess of \$3,000. Effective January 1, 2010, this Court will require a detailed fee itemization where the fee sought is in excess of \$3,300. The Court expects Debtors' attorneys to comply with Debtors' Attorneys' Duties in Chapter 13 Cases set forth below.

Chapter 7

Effective January 1, 2010, for Chapter 7 cases filed on and after that date, the review threshold for fees paid or payable to the debtor's attorney shall remain at \$2,500. The Court will require an itemized fee application where the fees disclosed exceed this amount.

Debtors' Attorneys' Duties in Chapter 13 Cases

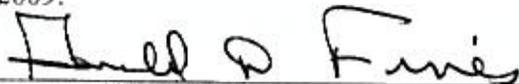
The debtor's attorney's duties in a Chapter 13 case include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Consult with and advise the debtor about the differences and relative advantages and disadvantages of proceeding under Chapter 7 and Chapter 13.
2. Prepare and file the petition, statement of financial affairs, and all schedules.
3. Prepare and file a Chapter 13 plan.
4. Upon information received from the debtor, take steps necessary to avoid the termination of, or to allow the reinstatement of, necessary utility services of the debtor by providing proof of filing of the petition to utility service creditors.
5. Take steps necessary to obtain the return of repossessed vehicles proposed to be retained by the debtor under the plan.
6. In the event of pending state or federal court litigation, notify creditor's attorneys, and appropriate court(s) in which the litigation is pending, that the bankruptcy case has been filed.
7. Send out an information letter to the debtor reminding the debtor to attend the 341 hearing, specifying the time and location of that hearing, and providing information advising the debtor as to the procedures of the 341 hearing.

8. Appear at the 341 meeting of creditors with the debtor and confer with the debtor to prepare him or her to appear at the 341 meeting.
9. Upon information received from the debtor, take steps necessary to terminate pending wage garnishments, including filing a Motion to Terminate Garnishment.
10. Attend all court hearings in the case.
11. Prepare all court mandated pre-trial statements, reports, briefs, etc.
12. Respond to objections to plan confirmation and, where necessary, prepare an amended plan.
13. Prepare, file, and serve necessary amended statements and schedules, in accordance with information submitted by the debtor, provided the debtor pays the Court's filing fee.
14. Prepare, file, and serve necessary motions to buy, sell, or refinance real property and vehicles, when appropriate.
15. Review claims and object to improper or invalid claims based upon documentation provided by the debtor.
16. File proofs of claims for creditors who fail to file claims, if it is in the debtor's best interest to file such a claim.
17. Advise and represent the debtor with respect to stay relief or adequate protection motions.
18. Prepare, file, and serve motions to avoid liens on real or personal property.
19. Upon information received from the debtor, contact creditors who continue to communicate with the debtor after filing.
20. Upon completion of plan payments, file a Certificate of Domestic Support Obligation if debtor was required to pay a domestic support obligation during the pendency of the case.
21. Provide such other legal services as are necessary for the administration of the case before the Bankruptcy Court.

This Standing Order shall be applicable to cases filed on and after January 1, 2010.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2009.


GERALD D. FINES
United States Bankruptcy Judge