

AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES 2016-1(d), 3007-1 AND 9013-2(c)
AND NEW LOCAL RULE 9019-2 EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015

The following local rule amendments are effective May 1, 2015 and **will govern in all bankruptcy cases commenced on or after the May 1, 2015 effective date:**

Rule 2016-1. Compensation of Professional Persons

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(d) DEBTORS' ATTORNEYS IN CHAPTER 13 CASES.

(1) Preconfirmation Services.

(i) A debtor's attorney in a chapter 13 case may request an order allowing or authorizing payment of compensation by simplified application, and the court may issue the requested order without a hearing, provided that the amount of compensation does not exceed ~~\$2,500~~**3,000** for cases below the applicable median family income and ~~\$3,000~~**3,500** for cases at or above the applicable median family income, as determined on Official Bankruptcy Form 22C. The simplified application need not comply with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2016 or paragraph (c) of this rule and shall conform substantially to Local Form 2016-1.

(ii) A debtor's attorney in a chapter 13 case who represents the debtor in a motion for valuation of mortgagee's secured claim brought pursuant to Local Rule 3012-1 may request an order allowing or authorizing payment of compensation by simplified application, and the court may issue the requested order without a hearing, provided that the amount of compensation does not exceed \$4,000 for that motion. The simplified application need not comply with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2016 or paragraph (c) of this rule and shall conform substantially to Local Form 2016-1.

(2) Postconfirmation Services. In a chapter 13 case, an attorney who represents a debtor after confirmation of a plan in resolving motions for relief from stay and motions for dismissal, filing motions for sale of real estate and motions objecting to claims, preparing, assisting the debtor in preparing and submitting required disclosures under 11 U.S.C. § 521(f)(4), or assisting the debtor in responding to requests for information made in connection with an audit conducted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 586(f) may request an order awarding compensation and/or reimbursement of expenses by simplified application, and the court may issue the requested order without a hearing, if the amount of the requested compensation does not exceed ~~\$300.00~~**500** per application. An attorney who represents a debtor after confirmation of a plan in serving and filing a modified plan may likewise request an order awarding compensation and/or reimbursement of expenses by simplified application if the amount of the requested compensation does not exceed ~~\$500.00~~**750** per application. The simplified application

need not comply with F.R.Bankr.P. 2016 or paragraph (c) of this rule and shall conform substantially to Local Form 2016-1. No more than five applications may be filed under this subdivision in a case, except that applications for services rendered pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 521(f) will not be counted toward this limit. Any order made under this rule is subject to review at any time.

(3) Notwithstanding F.R.Bankr. P. 2002(a)(6), notice of applications filed in compliance with this subdivision (d) need not be given.

Rule 3007-1. Claims - Objections

An entity objecting to a claim shall file and serve a motion on the claimant, the debtor, the debtor's attorney, the trustee or examiner, the United States Trustee, and all committees not less than 2830 days before the hearing. If the objector intends to assert a counterclaim against the claimant, the objector shall file and serve a complaint for such relief under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7001 and shall include the objection to the claim in the complaint.

Rule 9013-2. Motion Documents

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(c) NOTICE OF WITNESSES.

(1) If a party filing or responding to a motion anticipates offering oral testimony ~~at a hearing~~, the moving or responsive documents shall state the name, address and substance of the testimony of the proposed witness.

(2) No evidence shall be presented at the initial hearing. The court will determine at the initial hearing whether an evidentiary hearing is required.

(3) The proponent of a Chapter 11 or 12 plan shall provide testimony at the confirmation hearing.

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Rule 9019-2. Mediation.

The court may refer any adversary proceeding or contested matter for mediation by any other federal judge or any mediator chosen by the parties.