

## 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 (link is external) 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) (link is external), 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) (link is external) 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 (link is external) 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) (link is external) 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) (link is external), notice of applications filed in compliance with this subdivision (d) need not be given.

## 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.

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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. The court may refer the adversary proceeding or contested matter to any mediator chosen by the parties.