

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

IN RE:)
) General Order 15-1
Attorney's Fees in Chapter 13)
Signature on Chapter 13 Plan)
)

ORDER

The Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Effective immediately, the amount of fees paid to debtor's counsel pre-confirmation is increased to \$2,500.00 (inclusive of funds received pre-petition). This Order applies to all active cases. The chapter 13 trustees shall have thirty (30) days in which to make the change to existing, unconfirmed cases. The total flat fee shall remain at \$4,000.00 for consumer cases and \$4,500.00 for business cases.
2. Effective immediately, the requirement in the Chapter 13 Procedures Manual limiting attorney fees to \$1,500.00 for cases that convert to chapter 7 pre-confirmation is stricken.
3. Effective immediately, upon conversion of a chapter 13 case to chapter 7, the chapter 13 trustee shall file with the Court a "Statement of Attorney's Fees Disbursed by the Chapter 13 Trustee."
4. Effective January 1, 2017, the pre-confirmation amount paid to debtor's counsel shall increase to \$2,750.00, and the total flat fee shall increase to \$4,500.00 for consumer cases and \$5,000.00 for business cases.
5. Effective immediately, if debtor is represented by counsel, the debtor's signature is not required on chapter 13 plans filed with the Court. Counsel shall maintain some

type of verification from debtor indicating the debtor's knowledge and approval of the plan as filed. Failure to do so will result in the imposition of sanctions by the Court, including but not limited to disgorgement of attorney fees.

A revised Chapter 13 Procedures Manual reflecting the above changes, as well as a revised form plan (with a new signature page) will be posted on the Court's website.

ENTERED: July 21, 2015

/s/ Laura K. Grandy

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE