

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE CONCERNING INCREASED BANKRUPTCY FEES

October 3, 2003

The Judicial Conference, at its September 2003 session, increased certain miscellaneous fees for all court units to account for inflation and rising court costs and approved changes to the miscellaneous fee schedules for the courts of appeals, the district courts, the Court of Federal Claims, the bankruptcy courts and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. As a result of these actions, the following bankruptcy fees will increase **effective November 1, 2003**:

- ~ The miscellaneous administrative fee collected from the debtor or petitioner in all cases filed under title 11 will increase from \$30.00 to **\$39.00** and cause the fees due upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition to increase \$9.00¹;
- ~ The fee for filing a motion to terminate, annul, modify, or condition the automatic stay, a motion to compel abandonment of property of the estate, or a motion to withdraw the reference of a case or proceeding will increase from \$75.00 to **\$150.00**;
- ~ The fee for amendments to a debtor's schedules of creditors, lists of creditors, matrix or mailing lists will increase from \$20.00 to **\$26.00**;
- ~ The fee for dividing a joint case filed under § 302 of title 11 will increase from one-half the amount to the full amount of the current filing fee for the chapter under which the joint case was commenced;
- ~ The fees for docketing a proceeding on appeal or review from a final judgment of a bankruptcy judge and for docketing a cross appeal from a bankruptcy court determination will increase from \$100 to **\$250.00**;
- ~ The fee for every search of the records of the bankruptcy court conducted by the clerk of the bankruptcy court or a deputy clerk will increase from \$20.00 per name or item searched to **\$26.00** per name or item searched;
- ~ The fee for certification of any document or paper will increase from \$7.00 to **\$9.00**;
- ~ The fee for exemplification of any document or paper will increase from \$14.00 to **\$18.00**;

¹ Consequently, beginning November 1, 2003, the Clerk's Office will collect a total fee of **\$209.00** for chapter 7 cases, **\$839.00** for chapter 11 cases, **\$239.00** for chapter 12 cases, and **\$194.00** for chapter 13 cases.

- ~ The fee for filing or indexing any paper not in a case or proceeding for which a filing fee has been paid (including registering a judgment from another district) will increase from \$30.00 to **\$39.00**;
- ~ The fee for a check paid into the court which is returned for lack of funds will increase from \$35.00 to **\$45.00**;
- ~ The fee for reproduction of magnetic tape recordings will increase from \$20.00 to **\$26.00**; and
- ~ The fee for each microfiche sheet of film or microfilm jacket copy of any court record, where available, will increase from \$4.00 to **\$5.00**. (Microfiche sheets and microfilm jacket copies are not available from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.)

Additionally, language clarifying application of the fees for filing an amendment to the debtor's list of creditors, a motion to reopen a case, and a motion to lift stay will be added to the fee schedule.

To view the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule effective November 1, 2003, click [here](#). Questions concerning bankruptcy fees should be directed to the Operations Coordinator in the appropriate divisional office.