

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

April 3, 2013

New Claim Transfer Fee to Take Effect May 1, 2013

Effective May 1, 2013, bankruptcy courts will begin charging a new fee of \$25 for each claim transferred. This fee was approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States at its September 2012 session.

In considering this fee, the Judicial Conference Committees with jurisdiction over bankruptcy fees recognized the impact a transfer of a claim has on the workload of the bankruptcy courts, including impact on court time and resources. Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) requires the clerk of court to notice a transferred claim, and provides additional notice and hearing requirements if an objection to a transfer is made.

Beginning May 1, 2013, electronic transfer of claim documents must be filed through the court's e-filing system (using single file upload or batch upload). Claims upload should not be used to electronically file claim transfers on and after this date.

The claim transfer fee will be assessed by this court upon the filing of the transfer, whether filed by the transferee or the transferor. It will apply to partial claim transfers as well. In the event multiple claim transfers are filed at one time by the same entity, the \$25 fee will be charged for each individual claim transferred. Payment shall be made by credit card using Pay.gov if the transfer is filed electronically through the court's e-filing system, or by cash (exact amount only; *do not send through the mail*), money order, cashier's check, or attorney check payable to "Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court" if the transfer is not filed electronically. An entity that electronically handles claim transfers must ensure that the individual filing a transfer is authorized to pay this fee by credit card.

Entities that transfer claims should be aware that courts may be reviewing user accounts, account access, and the number of accounts authorized for a particular entity in anticipation of this fee.

For questions regarding the claim transfer fee, please contact the division manager in the appropriate divisional office.