

United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of California

FEE CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2006

(Pursuant to the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-171)

Effective April 9, 2006, the statutory filing fee for a chapter 7 case will increase \$25.00, *causing the total fees due upon the filing of a chapter 7 bankruptcy petition to increase from \$274.00 to **\$299.00***. Also effective on that date, the statutory filing fee for a chapter 13 case will increase \$85.00, *causing the total fees due upon the filing of a chapter 13 bankruptcy petition to increase from \$189.00 to **\$274.00***.

It appears that Congress also intended to increase the statutory filing fee for a chapter 11 case from \$1000 to \$2,750, *causing the total fees due upon the filing of a chapter 11 bankruptcy petition to increase from \$1,039 to **\$2,789** effective April 9, 2006*. However, due to a drafting error in the legislation, the chapter 11 filing fee is unaltered at this time. We will apprise you of the actions taken by Congress, if any, to address the drafting error.

Due to the chapter 7 and chapter 13 filing fee increases, the fees to convert a chapter 7 or chapter 13 case to a chapter 11 case, prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1930 (a), will also change effective April 9, 2006. If the drafting error in the legislation is not corrected and the chapter 11 filing fee is unaltered on April 9, 2006, the fee for converting a chapter 7 case to chapter 11 will decrease from \$780 to **\$755**, and the fee for converting a chapter 13 case to a chapter 11 case will decrease from \$850 to **\$765**. If, on the other hand, the drafting error is corrected and the chapter 11 filing fee is increased to \$2750, effective April 9, 2006, the fee to convert from chapter 7 to chapter 11 will increase to **\$2,505**, and the fee to convert from chapter 13 to chapter 11 will increase to **\$2,515**.

Additional information concerning the fee changes will be posted as soon as it is available.