

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

NOTICE CONCERNING FEE CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2006

Effective April 9, 2006, filing fees for appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts will increase as follows:

- The fee for filing an appeal under Item 1 of the Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule will increase \$200, from \$250 to **\$450**;
- The fee for filing a civil action in U.S. District Court under 28 U.S.C. §1914(a) will increase \$100, from \$250 to **\$350**;
- The statutory fee for filing a chapter 7 bankruptcy case under 28 U.S.C. §1930(a)(1)(A) will increase \$25, causing the total fees due upon the filing of a chapter 7 bankruptcy petition to increase from \$274 to **\$299**; and
- The statutory fee for filing a chapter 13 case under 28 U.S.C. §1930(a)(1)(B) will increase \$85, causing the total fees due upon the filing of a chapter 13 bankruptcy petition to increase from \$189 to **\$274**.

These filing fee increases are effective for all new cases filed on or after April 9, 2006, including petitions deposited in the bankruptcy court's Sacramento Division Drop-Box after 11:59 PM on Friday, April 7, 2006, and petitions filed electronically after 11:59 PM on Friday, April 7, 2006.

Additionally, because they are impacted by statutory fee changes, the fees for converting to chapter 11 prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) will also change. The new fee amounts, effective April 9, 2006, are as follows:

- For converting a case from chapter 7 to chapter 11, the fee will decrease from \$780 to **\$755**; and
- For converting a case from chapter 13 to chapter 11, the fee will decrease from \$850 to **\$765**.

The filing fee changes potentially impact other bankruptcy court fees that are, in effect, linked to them. However, the Judicial Conference has approved a stay in all such increases. Consequently, the following fees will not change on April 9, 2006:

- For filing an adversary proceeding, the fee will remain at \$250;
- For reopening a bankruptcy case, the fee will remain at \$220 for chapter 7, \$1000 for chapter 11, and \$150 for chapter 13;
- For splitting a joint case under §302 into two separate bankruptcy cases at the request of the debtor(s), the fee will remain at \$220 for chapter 7, \$1000 for chapter 11, and \$150 for chapter 13;
- For filing an appeal or a cross appeal, the total fees will remain at \$255;¹ and
- For filing a chapter 15 bankruptcy case, the fee will remain at \$1,039.

For additional information concerning fees, please contact the Deputy-In-Charge or Operations Coordinator in the appropriate divisional office.

¹ The \$5 notice of appeal fee prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1930(c) is not potentially impacted by the increased fees, and although linked to the fee for filing an appeal under Item 1 of the Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, the fees for docketing an appeal or a cross appeal required by items 15 and 21 of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule will remain at \$250.