

OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE TO THE BAR CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF FILING FEES IN  
PRO BONO CASES

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As a general rule, fees for electronically submitted documents, including petitions, are automatically charged to the filing attorney's credit card by the Clerk's Office. An exception to this rule is made when either Official Form B3A, [\*Application to Pay Filing Fee In Installments \(EDC 2-020\)\*](#), or Official Form B3B,<sup>1</sup> [\*Application For Waiver of the Chapter 7 Filing Fee For Individuals Who Cannot Pay the Filing Fee In Full or In Installments\*](#), accompanies an electronically filed petition.<sup>2</sup> **If the application is simultaneously filed with the petition**, the filing fee will not be charged to the attorney's credit card. Instead, the Clerk's Office will seek payment of the fee (unless waived by the court) from the debtor and issue an order to show cause, if necessary, for nonpayment. Accordingly, attorneys accepting cases on a pro bono basis will not become the debtor's creditor if the application submitted with the petition is subsequently denied.

Official Form B3A, [\*Application to Pay Filing Fee In Installments \(EDC 2-020\)\*](#), and Official Form B3B, [\*Application For Waiver of the Chapter 7 Filing Fee For Individuals Who Cannot Pay the Filing Fee In Full or In Installments\*](#), are available on the Forms and Publications page of the Court's web site ([www.caeb.uscourts.gov](http://www.caeb.uscourts.gov)).

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<sup>1</sup> Official Form B3B shall be used in chapter 7 cases only. It should not be used in chapter 13 cases.

<sup>2</sup> The filing of the fee application should also be indicated by checking the appropriate box in the area labeled *Filing Fee* on page one of the petition.