UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF MISSISSIPPI

STANDING ORDER
FILING OF BOND DOCUMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR COST OF BOND COVERAGE

11 U.S.C. § 322 requires private trustees, appointed by the United States Trustee, to acquire and file with the court a bond in favor of the United States. The amount of the bond and sufficiency of surety of the bond are determined by the United States Trustee. Under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2010, the United States Trustee may authorize a blanket bond for a group of private trustees.

11 U.S.C. § 330 authorizes reimbursement of "actual, necessary expenses" of a private trustee. The United States Trustee has promulgated regulations for private trustees in chapter 7 cases that allow Chapter 7 trustees to allocate the cost of bond coverage to all estates with assets that are covered by the bond and then seek a single reimbursement after approval by the United States Trustee and the court.

Because bond coverage for private trustees requires annual policy renewal, annual allocation of costs to covered estates, annual approval by the United States Trustee, and annual approval by the court, judicial efficiency is better served by a standardized process for filing documents and motions for reimbursement related to bond coverage for private trustees. The court orders:

(1) Within thirty days of receipt of an original bond policy, rider, or other bond document(s), a private trustee, or the United States Trustee on behalf of the private trustee, shall file such bond policy, rider, or other bond document(s) with the court.

(2) To request court approval of reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses of coverage, a chapter 7 private trustee, subject to review and approval of by the United States Trustee, shall file a motion and proposed order with the court, including a schedule of allocation of bond coverage costs to estates administered by the chapter 7 private trustee. The proposed order shall include the signatures of both the chapter 7 private trustee and an authorized representative of the United States Trustee.

(3) All documents shall be filed using the court's electronic case filing system (ECF) in accordance with procedures established by the Clerk of Court. The United States Trustee shall maintain the original bond policies, riders, and other bond documents so long as such policies or riders remain in force.

SO ORDERED. Effective . 7-1-2014

Edward Ellington
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Katharine M. Samson
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Neil P. Olack
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Jason D. Woodard
United States Bankruptcy Judge