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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

STANDING ORDER
REGARDING ATTORNEY FEES IN CHAPTER 13 CASES

If there is no objection raised by a party in interest, in Chapter 13 cases filed on or after January 1, 2005, and prior to October 17, 2005, the Court will normally approve a fee for the attorney for the debtor of up to $1,700; in cases filed on or after October 17, 2005, and prior to August 1, 2007, the Court will normally approve a fee of up to $2,200; in cases filed on or after August 1, 2007, and prior to January 1, 2010, the Court will normally approve a fee of up to $2,500; in cases filed on or after January 1, 2010, and prior to February 1, 2012, the Court will normally approve a fee of up to $2,800; and, in cases filed on or after February 1, 2012, the Court will normally approve a fee of up to $3,000.

The fee approved by the Court is on the basis that the scope of representation by the attorney includes both pre-confirmation and post-confirmation representation of the debtor, except for representation in any adversary proceeding. Basically, once an attorney sets a fee and files a petition for the debtor, the Court expects the attorney to represent conscientiously the debtor until the debtor is granted or denied a discharge or the case is dismissed.

No additional fee is to be sought from the debtor or accepted by the attorney without prior Court approval.

In large business cases or in cases involving an inordinate amount of time or for representation in any adversary proceeding, the Court will consider a request for a fee in excess of the aforesaid amounts.

SO ORDERED. Effective: February 1, 2012.

EDWARD ELLINGTON
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

NEIL P. OLACK
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

KATHARINE M. SAMSON
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE