

**GUIDELINES FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTORNEYS' FEES**  
**IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

**THESE GUIDELINES GOVERN THE ALLOWANCE OF ATTORNEYS' FEES IN CHAPTER 13 CASES IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA ANA DIVISION.**

**AN ATTORNEY MAY RECEIVE AN ORDER APPROVING FEES UP TO THE AMOUNTS SET FORTH HEREIN WITHOUT FILING A DETAILED APPLICATION IF:**

The attorney has filed with the court and served on the chapter 13 trustee with the statement required pursuant to rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and a fully executed copy of the "Rights and Responsibilities Agreement Between Chapter 13 Debtor and Their Attorneys," copies of which are available in the clerk's office and in the chapter 13 trustees' offices; and

No objection to the requested fees has been raised.

**THE MAXIMUM FEE WHICH CAN BE APPROVED THROUGH THE PROCEDURE DESCRIBED HEREIN IS:**

\$4,500 in a case where the debtor is self-employed; or

\$4,000 in all other cases;

**IF AN ATTORNEY SEEKS ADDITIONAL FEES OR ELECTS TO BE PAID OTHER THAN PURSUANT TO THESE GUIDELINES:**

The attorney shall file and serve an application for fees in accordance with 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, Rules 2016 and 2002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures and Local Bankruptcy Rules 2016-1 and 3015-1, as well as the "Guide To Applications For Professional Compensation" issued by the United States Trustee for the Central District of California.

In any event, on its own motion or the motion of any party in interest, the court may order a hearing to review any attorney's fee agreement or payment, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 329 and Rule 2017 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

**IF THE ATTORNEY HAS FILED A RARA AND A 2016(b) STATEMENT, THE BALANCE OF FEES DUE WILL BE PAID PRIOR TO A REFUND BEING ISSUED TO THE DEBTOR. VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE BOTH A RARA AND 2016(b) STATEMENT ON FILE WITH THE TRUSTEE TO MAKE SURE THE REFUNDS ARE PROCESSED CORRECTLY.**