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AMENDED ORDER ON COMPENSATION OF DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY IN CHAPTER 13 CASES (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2003)

The court last revised the order designated as "Compensation of the Debtor's Attorney in Chapter 13 Cases Revised Order" on October 12, 2000. Prior orders stated in part that

> The high volume of chapter 13 cases in this district, in the opinion of the court, makes it inexpedient to engage in full-scale lodestar analysis of numerous detailed fee applications, and expedient to establish a presumptively reasonable fee for services rendered in Uncomplicated, nonbusiness chapter 13 cases.

The court concludes that an increase in the amount of compensation is appropriate. Therefore it is ORDERED that

1. A fee of $1,600.00 is presumed to be the maximum reasonable compensation and may be awarded for all legal services rendered in a chapter 13 case by an attorney for the debtor. A disclosure of compensation shall be filed in accordance with 11 U.S.C. §329 and Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 2016(b) setting out the fee sought.

2. No other fees shall be charged or collected by debtor's counsel without prior Court approval except court costs, including the filing fee and actual costs of each amendment to the schedules.

3. The United States Bankruptcy Administrator, the Chapter 13 Trustee, or the debtor may in any case act to rebut the presumption of reasonableness of compensation awarded under this order and for this purpose request the filing of an application pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §330 and Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 2016.

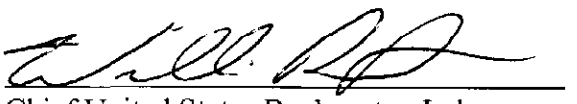
4. An attorney for the debtor seeking compensation in excess of $1,600.00 shall file an application under 11 U.S.C. §330 and Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 2016(a). Rule 2016(a) requires a

detailed statement of all services rendered in the case.

5. The Court may reduce the attorney's fee, in such amount as the Court finds appropriate, for cause including the failure of an attorney to timely file the plan and schedules, to attend the §341 meeting of creditors, to promptly and accurately file amendments, to appear at contested confirmation hearings or at other scheduled meetings or hearings, or similar cause.

6. This Order shall be effective for cases filed on or after August 4, 2003.

Dated this 31st day of July 2003.



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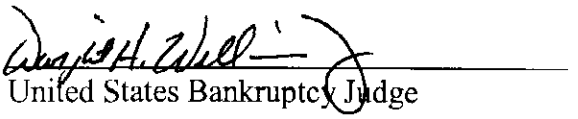

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