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*United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Alabama*

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**

ORDER REGARDING DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF REGISTRY FUNDS

The Court, having determined that it is necessary to adopt local procedures to ensure uniformity in the deposit and investment of funds in the Court's Registry, ORDERS that the following shall govern the receipt, deposit, and investment of registry funds:

I. Receipt of Funds

- A. No money shall be sent to the Court or its officers for deposit in the Court's registry without a court order signed by the presiding judge in the case or proceeding.
- B. The party making the deposit or transferring funds to the Court's registry shall serve the order permitting the deposit or transfer on the Clerk of Court.
- C. All monies ordered to be paid to the Court or received by its officers in any case pending or adjudicated shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States in the name and to the credit of this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2041 through depositories designated by the Treasury to accept such deposit on its behalf.

II. Investment of Registry Funds

- A. Where, by order of the Court, funds on deposit with the Court are to be placed in some form of interest-bearing account, or invested in a court-approved, interest-bearing instrument in accordance with Rule 67 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court Registry Investment System ("CRIS"), administered by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts under 28 U.S.C. § 2045, is the only investment mechanism authorized.
- B. The Director of Administrative Office of the United States Courts is designated as custodian for CRIS. The Director or the Director's designee shall perform the duties of custodian. Funds held in CRIS remain subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Court.
- C. Money from each case deposited in CRIS shall be "pooled" together with those on deposit with Treasury to the credit of other courts in CRIS and used to purchase Government Account Series securities through the Bureau of Public Debt, which will be held at Treasury, in an account in the name and to the credit of the Director of Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The pooled funds will be invested in accordance with the principals of the CRIS Investment Policy as approved by the Registry Monitoring Group.

- D. An account for each case will be established in CRIS titled in the name of the case giving rise to the investment in the fund. Income generated from fund investments will be distributed to each case based on the ratio each account's principal and earnings has to the aggregate principal and income total in the fund. Reports showing the interest earned and the principal amounts contributed in each case will be prepared and distributed to each court participating in CRIS and made available to litigants and/or their counsel.

III. Deduction of Fees

- A. The custodian is authorized and directed by this Order to deduct the investment services fee for the management of investments in CRIS and the registry fee for maintaining accounts deposited with the Court.
- B. The investment services fee is assessed from interest earnings to the pool according to the Court's Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and is to be assessed before a pro rata distribution of earnings to court cases.
- C. The registry fee is assessed by the custodian from each cases's pro rata distribution of the earnings and is to be determined on the basis of the rates published by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts as approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

IV. Transition From Former Investment Procedure

- A. This Order supersedes all previous orders of this Court regarding the deposit and investment of registry funds.

Done, this 8th day of September, 2014.



William R. Sawyer
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge