

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

In re )  
 )  
OVERPAYMENTS OF FILING FEES ) Administrative Order No. 2021-09  
IN CHAPTER 13 CASES )

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

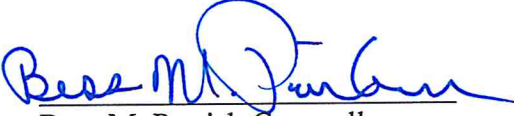
In response to numerous overpayments of filing fees in chapter 13 cases, and to limit the number of motions for refund filed and the considerable time it takes to process overpayments, the Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama will be monitoring all actions regarding filing fees more closely.


Effective immediately, if a chapter 13 plan has been submitted stating that the filing fee will be paid through the plan, all filing fee payments must be submitted directly to the chapter 13 trustee. The fee may not be paid directly to the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office.

If you receive a Clerk's Notice of Dismissal (fees), contact the chapter 13 trustee to determine if they have sufficient funds to pay the filing fee in full. If the trustee's office does not have sufficient funds, you should send the trustee enough funds to cover the filing fee and any fee charged by the trustee. The clerk's office will not dismiss a case without first checking with the trustee to see if they have sufficient funds on hand to pay the fee in full.

If an overpayment occurs, a show-cause hearing will be set to determine why this Administrative Order has been violated. Overpayments of \$25.00 or less will not be set for hearing and will be forfeited.

Done this the 21 day of September 2021.

  
Bess M. Parrish Creswell  
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

  
William R. Sawyer  
Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court