



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

NOTICE

New Claims Transfer Fee to Take Effect May 1, 2013

Effective May 1, 2013, the bankruptcy courts will begin charging a new fee of \$25 for each claim transferred. This fee was approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States at its September 2012 session.

In considering this fee, the Judicial Conference Committees with jurisdiction over bankruptcy fees recognized the impact a transfer of a claim has on the workload of the bankruptcy courts, including impact on court time and resources. Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) requires the clerk of court to notice a transferred claim and provides additional notice and hearing requirements if an objection to a transfer is made.

Upon the filing of the claim transferor, the fee will be assessed by bankruptcy courts whether filed by a transferee, a transferor, or filed as a partial claims transfer. In the event multiple claims transfers are filed at one time by one entity (claims upload or batch filing), the \$25 fee will be charged for each individual claim transferred.

The fee must be paid by credit card upon the filing of the claims transfer in CM/ECF using Pay.gov. Accounts **must** be settled within 48 hours of filing. Failure to settle accounts will result in being locked out of the system until the fees are paid. For detailed information on paying, please see the "Electronic Case Filing On-line Credit Card Payment Guide" located on the court's website, www.lawb.uscourts.gov under the CM/ECF tab. In addition, an entity that electronically handles claims transfers must ensure that the individual filing a transfer is authorized to pay this fee by credit card.

For questions regarding this fee, please contact the Clerk's office at one of the numbers listed below.

Alexandria/Monroe Division
(866) 356-5221
(318) 445-1890

Lafayette/Lake Charles Division
(866) 789-6015
(337) 262-6800

Shreveport/Monroe Division
(866) 721-2105
(318) 676-4257