

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
SHREVEPORT DIVISION

STANDING ORDER REGARDING ‘NO-LOOK’ FEES IN
CHAPTER 13 CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE JEFFREY P. NORMAN
(Effective February 1, 2017)

Pursuant to the district-wide Standing Order Regarding “No Look” Fees in Chapter 13 Cases entered on January 24, 2017, the following additional provisions are applicable only to the Shreveport Division of the Western District of Louisiana as of the adoption date of the “No Look” Fee Order.

1. “No Look” attorney fees may not be paid out by the Chapter 13 Trustee on any confirmed or dismissed case at any amount greater than \$250.00 per monthly plan payment.

2. All payments of post-petition attorney fees require Court approval and must be paid by the Chapter 13 Trustee. Counsel may not accept post-petition payments from debtors of fees or expenses except as provided in this Order or by a compensation order.

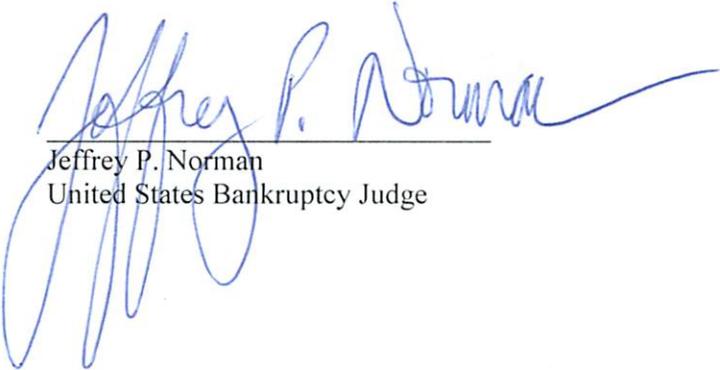
3. Counsel electing the “no look” fee are authorized to accept property of the Chapter 13 estate, not to exceed \$675.00, plus any applicable court costs as a “no look” fee for conversion of a Chapter 13 to a Chapter 7. Payment must be completed prior to the date of conversion to Chapter 7. This provision is without prejudice to counsel seeking additional Chapter 13 estate funds by motion. Counsel collecting the “no look” fee for conversion to Chapter 7 may not limit their representation of the Debtor(s) from conversion to discharge, or the date a discharge order would have been entered if a complaint under 11 U.S.C. § 727 is filed in the main bankruptcy case. Nothing herein limits counsel’s ability to charge the debtor for services provided in the Chapter 7 post-discharge or in any adversary proceeding or contested matter brought after the deadline for filing a § 727 complaint. Nothing herein shall exclude compliance with Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b) and debtor(s)’ counsel shall file an amended disclosure of compensation pursuant to the rule within the 14 day time limit.

4. Additional “No Look” attorney fees of \$600 pursuant to the Standing Order Regarding “No Look” Fees in Chapter 13” paragraph 3(B) shall be paid in the last six of the Chapter 13 plan at a rate of \$100 per month.

5. Nothing herein shall exclude counsel from abstaining from the “no look” fee and filing a formal fee application.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1/27/2017



Jeffrey P. Norman
United States Bankruptcy Judge