

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

RALPH REGULA FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Bankruptcy Practitioners

Date: January 4, 2021

Re: Chapter 7 Presumptive Fee Maximum

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Effective January 6, 2021, the presumptive debtor's attorney fee maximum in Chapter 7 cases is increased to \$1,500.00 for cases involving debtors whose income is below median. The presumptive fee is increased to \$1,750.00 for debtors whose income is above median, thus requiring completion of the entire means test.

You may be able to avoid further inquiry (of non-presumptive fees) by making certain the disclosure of attorney compensation is accurate. Many attorneys simply sign the form as pretyped in their software package. Most of these forms indicate that very limited services will be provided. Most attorneys sign these without adding the list of additional services intended to be provided where the forms leave space for additions. (The forms that have been used all appear to have a space to list additional services.) If you are doing more than is listed in the pre-set portion of the form, list the additional services.