



**RUSS KENDIG  
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

## **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

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AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: All Bankruptcy Practitioners

Date: December 27, 2013

Re: Chapter 7 Presumptive Fee Maximum

Effective February 1, 2014, the presumptive debtor's attorney fee maximum in Chapter 7 cases in Canton is \$1,300.00 for cases involving debtors whose income is below median. The presumptive fee is \$1,500.00 for debtors whose income is above median, thus requiring completion of the entire means test.

The actual inflation calculation from March 1, 2008 (the date of the last adjustment) through November 2013 (which is the last month for which data is available) leads to a calculation of almost exactly \$1,200.00. The fee was raised to \$1,300.00 so the amount can remain constant for several years before there will be any actual erosion.

You may be able to avoid further inquiry (of non-presumptive fees) by making certain the disclosure of compensation of attorney 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 any 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.