



**RUSS KENDIG
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bankruptcy Practitioners

Date: December 22, 2015

Re: Chapter 7 Presumptive Fee Maximum

Effective January 1, 2016, the presumptive debtor's attorney fee maximum in Chapter 7 cases in Canton is \$1,400.00 for cases involving debtors whose income is below median. The presumptive fee is \$1,600.00 for debtors whose income is above median, thus requiring completion of the entire means test.

The increase acknowledges additional work resulting from the new bankruptcy forms effective December 1, 2015.

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.