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**To:** Members of the Bar and Public

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**Re:** Fee, Form, and Rule Changes Effective December 1, 2013

**CLERK'S  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
13-05**

Please note that there will be several fee, form, and rule changes taking effect on December 1, 2013 as discussed below.

First, the Judicial Conference established a new fee of \$176 in bankruptcy cases for the filing of motions for the sale of property free and clear of liens under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f). Second, the Conference increased the records retrieval fee in all federal courts by \$11 (from \$53 to \$64) for the first box requested from a Federal Records Center, and created a new fee of \$39 for each additional box requested. Finally, the Conference amended the fee for checks returned for insufficient funds on each of the court fee schedules. The prior fee language – which applies only to “checks” – was outdated, as check payments have now largely been superseded by electronic payments. The fee schedule that will be in effect on December 1, 2013 is posted on the Bankruptcy Miscellaneous Fee Schedule page of the Judiciary’s website at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Fees/BankruptcyCourtMiscellaneousFeeSchedule.aspx>

In addition to the fee changes, several form changes also take effect on December 1, 2013. The amended forms are: Amendments to Official Bankruptcy Forms 3A (Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments), 3B (Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived), 6I (Schedule I: Your Income), 6J (Schedule J: Your Expenses), 6 Summary (Summary of Schedules), 23 (Debtor’s Certification of Completion of Instructional Course Concerning Financial Management) and 27 (Reaffirmation Agreement Cover Sheet). Official Forms 3A, 3B, 6I, and 6J, which are only used in individual debtor cases, are revised as part of the Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee’s ongoing Forms Modernization Project (“FMP”). Official Forms 6 Summary and 27 are revised with updated line number cross references to Schedules I and J. Official Form 23 is revised in connection with a change to Bankruptcy Rule 1007(b)(7) which relieves individual debtors of the obligation to file Official Form 23 if the provider of an instructional course concerning personal financial management directly notifies the court that the debtor has completed the course. The revised forms incorporating the changes are posted on the bankruptcy forms pending amendment page of the Judiciary’s website at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms/BankruptcyFormsPendingChanges.aspx>

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For a synopsis of the fee changes, please visit the Fees page of our website at:

<http://www.ctb.uscourts.gov/filingfees.htm>

Several rule changes also take effect on December 1, 2013 which effect Rules 1007, 4004, 5009, 9006, 9013, and 9014. The revised rules incorporating the changes are posted on the Pending Rules Amendments tab of the Judiciary's website at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CDOC-113hdoc28/pdf/CDOC-113hdoc28.pdf>