



PUBLIC NOTICE

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Brenda K. Argoe, Clerk of Court



TO: Practitioners/Constituents
SUBJECT: Amendments to Bankruptcy Fees, Rules, and Forms
DATE: January 9, 2001

The Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2000, enacted November 13, 2000, increased certain fees established by 28 U.S.C. §1930(a). **Changes were effective November 13, 2000, to the following:**

- Chapter 9 filing fee increased from \$300 to \$800
- Conversion of a Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 11 case:
Increased from \$400 to \$645 (the amount of the difference between the filing fee for a Chapter 11 and the filing fee for a Chapter 7 or Chapter 13)

The Act also contained a provision effectuating changes in the **Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule**, which is issued in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1930(b). **Changes are effective February 1, 2001**, to the following numbered paragraphs of the schedule:

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| (2) | Certification | \$ 7 |
| (2) | Exemplification | \$14 |
| (3) | Tape duplication | \$20 |
| (5) | Search of court records | \$20 |
| (7) | Filing/indexing a miscellaneous paper | \$30 |
| (12) | Microfiche/microfilm of court records | \$ 4 |
| (14) | Returned checks | \$35 |

A copy of the new Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, may be obtained from this court's web site: www.scb.uscourts.gov.

Amendments to the following Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure became effective December 1, 2000:

Rules 1017, 2002(a), 4003, 4004, and 5003

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Amendments to the following Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, all, or portions, of which are made applicable to bankruptcy cases and proceedings by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, became effective December 1, 2000:

Rules 4, 5, 12, 14, 26, 30 and 37

Official Bankruptcy Form 7, Statement of Financial Affairs, was amended by the Judicial Conference of the United States, at its September 2000, session to add questions which concern community property, environmental information, tax information of a corporate debtor, and employee pension fund information, and to require any debtor who has been in business within six years before filing to answer questions 19-25 (this is an enlargement of the two-year period previously specified). The amended form is effective now and may be downloaded from the Internet at www.uscourts.gov/bankform/ or alternatively from www.uscourts.gov, click on "For Public Review," scroll down and click on "Federal Rulemaking," then click on "Official Bankruptcy Forms." Paper copies of the form may be obtained from the court's contract copy service, West Coast Copy, Inc. (803.255.0166)