

STUDENT LOAN DEBT

These guidelines establish a procedure for compensation for counsel who provide services to debtors in addressing student loan debt in Chapter 13 cases before the undersigned.

A supplemental no-look fee in the amounts set forth below (in addition to the other no-look fees established in these Guidelines) shall be allowed for any of the following services:

- 1) **\$1,000** - Contested confirmation hearings on plan provision to separately classify student loan debt under § 1322(b)(1) or to cure and/or maintain student loan debt payments under § 1325(b)(5).
- 2) **\$1,200** - In cases in which the student loan debt exceeds \$15,000, plan confirmation providing for debtor(s)' enrollment in/maintenance of an Income Driven Repayment Plan (IDR) (which includes ICR, IBR, PAYE, or REPAYE versions) with the U.S. Department of Education and/or any student loan servicer/guarantor and which prohibit debtor(s)' disqualification due to bankruptcy. (An additional fee of **\$200** per year is allowable for necessary reenrollments during the term of the case.)
- 3) **\$500** - Participation in court ordered mediation regarding student loan debt.

The above stated supplemental no-look fees may be approved by the Court upon oral motion at the confirmation hearing (or other contested hearing) or requested by the debtor(s) in the notification of settlement or proposed settlement order addressing student loan debt.

As an alternative to these supplemental no-look fees, an application seeking additional compensation may also be submitted for expedited consideration.

To qualify for these supplemental no-look fees: (1) for a contested hearing, the parties must file a (joint) statement of dispute, present testimony and other evidence, and/or, for issues of law only, file a separate memorandum of law, or (2) for a settlement before trial of a contested hearing, the settlement must occur after substantial preparation and readiness for trial.