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United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California Santa Rosa/Eureka Division

GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES IN CHAPTER 13 CASES

In this division, the court does not enforce any maximum or minimum fee structure, nor does it limit the size of counsel's prepetition retainer. Unusually large fees will trigger scrutiny by the court as well as the [trustee](#) ⓘ. No payments should be taken from the [debtor](#) ⓘ after the case is filed (except through the trustee) without order of the court obtained after noticed hearing.

The court agrees with the rights and responsibilities enforced by other divisions. The court further expects that debtors with counsel of record will NEVER appear in court without representation. However, while the court expects compliance with the rights and responsibilities it does not require the filing of a formal statement.

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