

1 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
2 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
3 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

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5 **NOTICE REGARDING REDUCTION IN ATTORNEY FEES**
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7 TO: ALL CHAPTER 13 DEBTORS' ATTORNEYS
8 FROM: THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT,
9 OAKLAND DIVISION
10 RE: APPEARANCE AT MEETINGS OF CREDITORS / ATTORNEY FEES
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12 Effective December 1, 2010, failure by the debtor's attorney to appear at an initial
13 meeting of creditors or continued meeting of creditors will result in an automatic reduction of
14 \$300 to the fee being paid to the debtor's attorney through the chapter 13 trustee's office.
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16 Upon failure to appear by the attorney of record or an attorney authorized to appear
17 specially, the chapter 13 trustee shall submit a declaration regarding the failure and an order
18 authorizing the reduction in the attorney's fee for the signature of the court.
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20 The chapter 13 trustee shall take into account emergency circumstances such as car
21 accidents or sudden illness and may in her discretion refrain from submitting a declaration and
22 order.
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24 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any attorney may, at his or her option, contest the
25 reduction by setting the matter for hearing in accordance with the rules of this court, on notice to
26 the chapter 13 trustee and debtor. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the
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1 authority of the court to reduce fees in an amount other than \$300, or impose other sanctions as
2 the circumstances may warrant.
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5 Dated: October 14, 2014
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9 /s/ Roger L. Efremsky
10 United States Bankruptcy Judge

11 /s/ William J. Lafferty III
12 United States Bankruptcy Judge

13 /s/ Charles Novack
14 United States Bankruptcy Judge
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