

**Payment Of Debtors' Attorneys' Fees  
When Chapter 13 Filing Fees Are Paid In Installments  
In the Eastern District of Kentucky**

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Debtors' Attorneys: If your client is paying the filing fee in installments, be aware that I cannot pay any portion of your fee until the filing fee has been paid in full.

Rule 1006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure provides in part:

(3) Postponement of Attorney's Fees. All installments of the filing fee must be paid in full before the debtor or chapter 13 trustee may make further payments to an attorney or any other person who renders services to the debtor in connection with the case.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1006(b)(3).

If filing fees are being paid in installments and the case is confirmed before the bankruptcy court receives the final installment payment, I will place a "reserve" on your fee. That way the funds will be available to pay you in the first disbursement cycle after the filing fee has been paid in full.

I will watch for the docket entry in ECF that says: "Receipt of Chapter 13 Final Installment Payment." If that docket entry is made before we begin our month-end disbursement process, I will release the reserve and the funds will then be disbursed to you. Until that final installment payment has been received by the bankruptcy court, you will not be paid.