

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LBR 2016-1

Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1 sets forth certain requirements for applications for compensation under 11 U.S.C. § 330, 331, or 503(b)(4). The rule requires that information about the applicant and the application, case status, project billing, and actual, necessary expenses be included as set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 (Appendix A to 28 C.F.R. § 58)*, issued by the United States Trustee Program.

However, in non-chapter 11 cases, LBR 2016-1(a)(1)(A) requires the project billing format to be used only if the professional's compensation is anticipated to exceed \$20,000. The \$20,000 threshold was set some years ago and may be considered outdated. The following amendment proposes to increase the threshold to \$50,000.

Any comments regarding this proposed amendment should be sent to the clerk by email: michael_dowling@hib.uscourts.gov by May 16, 2025.

LBR 2016-1. Compensation of Professionals

(a) Application Requirements. Unless these rules provide otherwise, an application for compensation for services or reimbursement of expenses under § 330, 331, or 503(b)(4) must include the following:

(1) the information about the applicant and the application, case status, project billing, and actual, necessary expenses as set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330*, contained in:

(A) Appendix A - Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 in (1) larger chapter 11 cases by those seeking compensation who are not attorneys, (2) all chapter 11 cases below the larger case thresholds, and (3) cases under other chapters of the Bankruptcy Code (except that the project billing format is required only if the professional's compensation is anticipated to exceed ~~\$20,000~~ **\$50,000**); and

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