

LOCAL FEES SCHEDULE FOR “PRESUMED REASONABLE FEES” AND MEDIATION FEE

This Appendix supplements the Vermont Local Bankruptcy Rules with respect to certain “presumed reasonable fees” and mediation fees, to (a) document the current amount of each such fee, and (b) establish a method for automatic annual adjustments in the absence of a Court order providing otherwise.¹

I. PRESUMED REASONABLE FEES

- (A) **Presumed Reasonable Fee in Chapter 13 Case.** As set out in Vt. LBR 2016-2(a), as of February 1, 2022, the presumed reasonable fee for a debtor’s attorney in a chapter 13 case, who renders services as described in Vt. LBR 2016-1, is:
- (i) a fee up to \$2,675 for a simple chapter 13 case (e.g., where the plan pays only unsecured claims and attorney’s fees);
 - (ii) a fee of up to \$3,750 for a chapter 13 case in which the debtor pays directly any ongoing monthly mortgage payments (sometimes referred to as “outside the plan”) as follows: up to \$2,900 for pre-confirmation services, plus up to \$850 for post-confirmation services; and
 - (iii) a fee of up to \$4,600 for a chapter 13 case in which the trustee makes the ongoing monthly mortgage payments through the plan (known as a “Conduit Mortgage Payments” case, see Vt. LBR 3015-6), as follows: up to \$3,950 for pre-confirmation services, plus up to \$650 for post-confirmation services.
- (B) **Presumed Reasonable Fees for Certain Motions.** As of February 1, 2022, the presumed reasonable fees for the routine motions described in Vt. LBR 2016-2(d) are:
- (i) a fee up to \$750 for a motion to modify a confirmed plan and confirmation order;
 - (ii) a fee up to \$750 for a motion for relief from stay against real property where no hearing is necessary;
 - (iii) a fee up to \$1,025 for a motion for relief from stay against real property where the movant needs to appear at a hearing to have the motion adjudicated;
 - (iv) a fee up to \$525 for a motion for relief from stay against personal property where no hearing is necessary; and
 - (v) a fee up to \$800 for a motion for relief from stay against personal property where the movant needs to appear at a hearing to have the motion adjudicated.

II. MEDIATION FEE

Mediation Fee. Pursuant to Vt. LBR 4001-7(f), as of February 1, 2022, a court-appointed loss mitigation mediator is entitled to a fee of \$975 per mediation conducted as part of the mortgage mediation program.

III. FEE INCREASES

Annual Increase. Unless the Court orders otherwise, on February 1, 2022, and on February 1 each year thereafter, each dollar amount in effect under this Appendix XI shall automatically increase—

- (i) to reflect the change in the all items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items CPI-U), published by the United States Department of Labor in the Year in Review (December to December) for the year preceding such February 1; and
- (ii) to round each dollar amount, as adjusted, to the nearest \$25.

¹ This year’s fee schedule adjustment is based on the 7% increase in the All Items CPI-U for the period of December 2020 to December 2021. See https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/cpi_01122022.htm. All fees have increased by 7%, and rounded to the nearest \$25, effective February 1, 2022.