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District of Vermont

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TO: Court Users
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RE: Fee increases

**CLERK'S
ANNOUNCEMENT
11-06**

Effective Tuesday, November 1, 2011, many of the fees for filing documents or obtaining services from this and other United States courts will increase. For most items this is the first fee increase in eight years.

Attached is an updated version of this court's *Bankruptcy Court Fees Quick Reference* schedule which is also available on our Internet web page at <http://www.vtb.uscourts.gov/issues/fees20111101.pdf>

If you have any questions about the fee changes please feel free to call me at (802) 776-2002 or Kathy Ford at (802) 776-2003.

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BANKRUPTCY COURT FEES¹ QUICK REFERENCE
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2011

FILING FEES

Petitions²

Chapter 7	\$306.00
Chapter 9	\$1,046.00
Chapter 11 (non-railroad)	\$1,046.00
Chapter 12	\$246.00
Chapter 13	\$281.00
Chapter 15 (formerly known as "ancillary proceeding")	\$1,046.00
Adversary Proceeding	\$293.00
Notice of Removal	\$293.00

Appeals

Appeal (must also pay Notice of Appeal fee)	\$293.00
Cross Appeal (must also pay Notice of Appeal fee)	\$293.00
Notice of Appeal ³	\$5.00
Direct Bankruptcy Appeal to Court of Appeals ⁴ : (must also pay Notice of Appeal fee)	\$450.00

Motions

Relief From Stay	\$176.00
Split a Case:	
Chapter 7	\$306.00
Chapter 11	\$1,046.00
Chapter 12	\$246.00
Chapter 13	\$281.00

¹ The Court accepts cash, checks, money orders, American Express, VISA, MasterCard, Discover/Novus, and Diners Club International. Debtors' personal checks and credit cards are not accepted when filing a petition. Third-party checks are not accepted. A voluntary petition by an individual or an individual and spouse may be paid in no more than four (4) installments, upon application to the Court.

² The fee for filing a petition consists of a filing fee, an administrative fee, and, for chapter 7 petitions, a trustee surcharge, combined here for simplicity.

³ This is a mandatory fee in addition to the fee for appeals and cross appeals. It is due upon filing and may not be waived or deferred.

⁴ The fee for **requesting** a direct appeal or cross appeal from a bankruptcy court decision to the Court of Appeals is \$298 (\$293 appeal fee + \$5 notice of appeal fee). If the Court of Appeals **authorizes** the direct appeal, an **additional** fee of \$157 is due to the Bankruptcy Court.

Conversions ⁵ :	
Convert Chapter 9 to Chapter 7	\$15.00
Convert Chapter 11 to Chapter 7	\$15.00
Convert Chapter 13 to Chapter 7	\$25.00
Convert Chapter 12 to Chapter 7	\$60.00
Convert Chapter 12 to Chapter 13	\$35.00
Convert Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$755.00
Convert Chapter 12 to Chapter 11	\$800.00
Convert Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$765.00

Reopen a Case: ⁶	
Chapter 7	\$260.00
Chapter 11	\$1,000.00
Chapter 12	\$200.00
Chapter 13	\$235.00
Chapter 15	\$1,000.00

Withdraw the Reference of a Case Under 28 U.S.C. 157(d)	\$176.00
Compel Abandonment	\$176.00

Miscellaneous Fees

Amendments to a Petition	
Schedules D, E, F, and/or Mailing List/Matrix ⁷	\$30.00
Other Schedules	No Fee
Audio Recording	\$30.00
Certification	\$11.00
Exemplifications	\$21.00
Returned Check	\$53.00
Photocopies (per page) ⁸	\$0.50
Record Retrieval from Federal Records Center	Contact Clerk's Office for Fees and Instructions
Record Search	\$30.00
(No fee charged if the requested item can be found via the computerized docket (CM/ECF))	
Filing or Indexing of Miscellaneous Paper	\$46.00
Pro Hac Vice Admission	\$150.00
PACER Fees	\$0.08/page ⁹

⁵ No fee is charged when the conversion order is made on its own by the court (i.e., *sua sponte*), in the absence of a notice or request of a party.

⁶ The exemption from paying the fee to reopen a case can be applied in only two situations: (1) reopening a case to permit a party to file a complaint to obtain a determination under Rule 4007(b); or (2) reopening a case when a creditor is violating the terms of the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 524. The court may defer payment of the fee from trustees pending discovery of additional assets. If payment is deferred, the fee shall be waived if no additional assets are discovered.

⁷ No fee is charged to change the address of a listed creditor, or to add/change the name and address of a listed creditor's attorney.

⁸ Copies printed **by the court user** from the public access computer terminal in the Clerk's Office are \$0.10 each.

⁹ \$2.40 maximum charge per document.