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2 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
3 **WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

4 In re:

5 Amendment to the Local Rules of  
6 Bankruptcy Procedure for the Western  
7 District of Washington, 2016-1(e)

General Order No. 03-01

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9 An Amendment to the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the Western District  
10 of Washington 2016-1(e) having come on for consideration before the undersigned  
11 Bankruptcy Judges of the Western District of Washington, and the Court having  
12 considered amending Local Rules W.D. Wash. Bankr. 2016-1(e) only to raise the  
13 Chapter 13 "flat fee" from \$1,300 to \$1,800; it is

14 ORDERED that effective July 1, 2003, Local Rules W.D. Wash. Bankr. 2016-1(e)  
15 is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A attached and incorporated by reference.

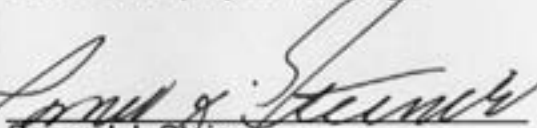
16 DATED:

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18 Philip H. Brandt  
U.S. Bankruptcy Chief Judge

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18 Karen Overstreet  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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20 Samuel J. Steiner  
21 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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20 Paul B. Snyder  
21 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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23 Thomas T. Glover  
24 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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1 **Rule 2016-1 COMPENSATION OF PROFESSIONALS**

2 (e) Original Attorney Fees/Chapter 13 Cases. Attorneys representing debtors in  
3 Chapter 13 cases may be entitled to receive a fee of up to \$1,800 without having first  
4 submitted a written application for fees. The fee shall be compensation for all services  
5 rendered the debtor through entry of the Order Confirming Plan and shall include without  
6 limitation the following: the filing of a Chapter 13 Plan in the form required by Local Rules  
7 W.D. Wash. Bankr. 3015-1; filing with the Chapter 13 Trustee the Chapter 13 Information  
8 Sheet together with copies of the debtor's two most recent paystubs and/or other income  
9 verification as required by Local Rules W.D. Wash. 3015-1(f); appearing at the Section 341  
10 Meetings of Creditors; responding to objections to confirmation and motions for relief from  
11 stay which are resolvable without argument before the Court; negotiating and presenting  
12 unopposed or agreed orders assuming or rejecting leases, resolving disputes regarding the  
13 valuation of collateral or providing for pre-confirmation adequate protection payments to  
14 creditors; amending the initial Plan as necessary to obtain the Order Confirming Case;  
15 adding creditors to the schedules and Plan; negotiations with the Department of Licensing;  
16 review of the Motion and Order Allowing Claims.

17 Original attorney fees in excess of \$1,800 may be requested at any time before the  
18 confirmation order is entered by motion, provided the fee request is accompanied by an  
19 itemized breakdown of time and is submitted in the form and manner required by Local  
20 Rules W.D. Wash. Bankr. 2016-1(f).

21 (f) Chapter 13 Fee Applications. (No change in present language.)

22 (g) *Ex Parte* Fee Applications in Chapter 13 Cases. In Chapter 13 cases,  
23 applications for compensation and reimbursement of expenses for \$500 or less shall be  
24 served on the Chapter 13 Trustee, the debtor, the United States Trustee and all parties  
25 requesting notice pursuant to Rule 2002, Fed. R. Bankr. P. In addition to including the  
26 information set forth in paragraph (f) above, such application shall include all services  
27 rendered and expenses incurred up to a specified date not more than fifteen (15) days  
28 before the date of the applications, and in the case of post-confirmation applications, shall  
include a certification that no pre-confirmation services are included in the application and  
that the fee set forth in paragraph (e) above has been earned. The application shall be  
served at least twenty (20) days before an *ex parte* order approving the sum requested is  
submitted through the Chapter 13 Trustee.

Only one *ex parte* application may be made per case for services rendered  
post-confirmation.

27 Exhibit A

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