

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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October 7, 2005

**CLERK'S NOTICE 05-11**

**Bankruptcy Reform Act Information Bulletin No. 6**

**GENERAL ORDER 2005-05**

Enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (the "Reform Act") has precipitated substantial changes to the bankruptcy laws of the United States. As a result of these substantial changes to the law, substantial changes were required to General Orders 98-4, 2002-03, and 2004-01. After receiving comments on a revised draft General Order from various constituencies, including the United States Trustee, the Standing Chapter 13 trustees, and various consumer bankruptcy attorneys, the Court signed General Order 2005-05, which supercedes General Orders 98-4, 2002-03, and 2004-01 for all Chapter 13 cases filed on or after October 17, 2005.

Please be advised that the Court considers General Order 2005-05 to be an interim order that should be subject to review and reconsideration during 2006. After several months of administering Chapter 13 cases under the terms of General Order 2005-05, the Court anticipates inviting comments from the bankruptcy bar, the Standing Chapter 13 trustees, and the United States Trustee regarding the efficacy of General Order 2005-05. After considering those comments and the Court's own experiences in administering cases under the terms of General Order 2005-05, the Court may modify General Order 2005-05 as it believes appropriate.

The Court has substantially increased the Standard Fee and the Business Standard Fee (as such terms are defined in General Order 2005-05) in Chapter 13 cases. The Court considers this increase appropriate because of the additional requirements imposed by the Reform Act and to encourage lawyers to continue to represent Chapter 13 debtors in cases filed in the Northern District of Texas. The amount of the Standard Fee and the Business Standard Fee may be reduced if substantial numbers of Chapter 13 debtors are unable to retain counsel to represent them in their Chapter 13 cases.

For the Court  
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