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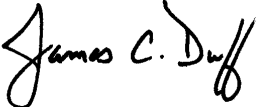
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MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Judges, United States Courts
Circuit Executives
Federal Public/Community Defenders
District Court Executives
Clerks, United States Courts
Panel Executive, Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation
Clerk, Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation

From: James C. Duff 

RE: CHANGES TO MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULES **(INFORMATION)**

Inflationary Fee Increases (Multiple Fee Schedules)

At its March 2020 session, on the recommendation of the Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, the Judicial Conference approved inflationary adjustments to fees on the appellate, district, and bankruptcy court miscellaneous fee schedules, as well as on the Court of Federal Claims and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation miscellaneous fee schedules (JCUS-MAR 20, pp. 9-12). These changes are scheduled to become effective December 1, 2020.

The Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (CACM) has the responsibility to make recommendations to the Judicial Conference regarding the Judiciary's fees, and the Committee periodically reviews the miscellaneous fee schedules to determine the need for inflationary adjustments. At its December 2019 meeting, the Committee recommended that certain miscellaneous fees be adjusted for inflation, noting that it had been three years since they were last adjusted. The Committee, however, did not recommend increases to a number of other miscellaneous fees, including fees that are linked to the statutory fees prescribed by Congress, and fees that have been created or increased since the last inflationary increase in 2016.

The charts included in the attachment detail the increased amounts in the various fee schedules of each of the court types. As noted above, these changes are scheduled to become effective December 1, 2020.

Central Violations Bureau Fees (District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule)

In 2005, Congress authorized the Judicial Conference to prescribe a fee for each violation notice processed through the Central Violations Bureau (Pub. L. No. 108-447). This fee is currently set forth at Item 15 of the District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule as the fee for processing a “petty offense charged on a federal violation notice.” Although officers frequently cite individuals with Class A misdemeanors using these violation notices, Class A misdemeanors are not included in the definition of a petty offense under the federal criminal code. To resolve this discrepancy between the fee schedule and the criminal code in a manner consistent with the intent of the 2005 statute, the Committee on Court Administration and Case Management recommended, and the Judicial Conference approved, an amendment to remove the word “petty” from the language of Item 15 (JCUS-MAR 20, p. 12). The fee, as amended, will read as follows: “Processing fee for an offense charged on a federal violation notice, \$30.” This change will also become effective December 1, 2020.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please contact the following staff in the Court Services Office: Mary Fritsche at Mary_Fritsche@ao.uscourts.gov or (202) 502-3055 or Annette Allard Emery at Annette_Allard@ao.uscourts.gov or (202) 502-1432.

Attachment

Effective December 1, 2020

**INFLATIONARY INCREASES
IN MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULES**

Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule (28 U.S.C § 1913)¹

Item No.	Description of Fee	Current Fee	Approved New Fee
2	Search Fee	\$31	\$32
5	For reproducing recordings of proceedings	\$31	\$32
6	For reproducing record in any appeal in which the court of appeals does not require an appendix	\$86	\$89
13	For original admission of attorney to practice, including a certificate of admission	\$181	\$188
13	For a duplicate certificate of admission or certificate of good standing	\$19	\$20

¹ The fees included in the Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule are also charged for services provided by the courts of appeals, including relevant services provided by the bankruptcy appellate panels established under 28 U.S.C. § 158(b)(1). *See* JCUS-SEP 15, p. 12.

Effective December 1, 2020

District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule (28 U.S.C. § 1914)

Item No.	Description of Fee	Current Fee	Approved New Fee
1	For filing any document that is not related to a pending case or proceeding.	\$47	\$49
2	Search Fee	\$31	\$32
3	Exemplification	\$22	\$23
5	For reproduction of an audio recording of a court proceeding...	\$31	\$32
9	Misdemeanor Appeal	\$38	\$39
10	For original admission of attorney to practice, including a certificate of admission	\$181	\$188
10	For a duplicate certificate of admission or certificate of good standing	\$19	\$20
13	Cuban Liberation Civil Filing Fee	\$6,548	\$6,800
14	Administrative Fee for Filing a Civil Action, Suit or Proceeding in a District Court	\$50	\$52

Effective December 1, 2020

Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule (28 U.S.C § 1930)

Item No.	Description	Current Fee	Approved New Fee
2	Exemplification	\$22	\$23
3	For reproduction of an audio recording of a court proceeding	\$31	\$32
4	For filing an amendment to the debtor's schedules...	\$31	\$32
5	Search Fee	\$31	\$32
7	For filing any document that is not related to a pending case or proceeding	\$47	\$49
8	Administrative fee	For filing a petition under Chapter 7, 12, or 13, \$75. For filing a petition under Chapter 9, 11, or 15, \$550. When a motion to divide a joint case under Chapter 7, 12, or 13 is filed, \$75. When a motion to divide a joint case under Chapter 11 is filed, \$550.	For filing a petition under Chapter 7, 12, or 13, \$78. For filing a petition under Chapter 9, 11, or 15, \$571. When a motion to divide a joint case under Chapter 7, 12, or 13 is filed, \$78. When a motion to divide a joint case under Chapter 11 is filed, \$571.
19	For filing the following motions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To terminate, annul, modify or condition the automatic stay; • To compel the abandonment of property of the estate • To withdraw the reference of a case or proceeding • To sell property of the estate free and clear of liens under sec. 363(f) 	\$181	\$188
20	Claims Transfer	\$25	\$26
21	Motion to Redact	\$25	\$26

Effective December 1, 2020

**Court of Federal Claims Miscellaneous Fee Schedule
(28 U.S.C § 1926)**

Item No.	Description	Current Fee	Approved New Fee
3	Exemplification	\$22	\$23
4	For admission of attorney to practice, including a certificate of admission	\$181	\$188
4	For a duplicate certificate of admission or certificate of good standing	\$19	\$20
5	For receipt of a monthly listing of court orders and opinions	\$23	\$24
8	Search Fee	\$31	\$32
9	For reproduction of an audio recording of a court proceeding	\$31	\$32
10	For filing or indexing any document not in a case or proceeding for which a filing fee has been paid	\$47	\$49
12	Administrative Fee for filing a civil action, suit, or proceeding	\$50	\$52

Effective December 1, 2020

Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation Fee Schedule (28 U.S.C § 1932)

Item No.	Description	Current Fee	Approved New Fee
1	Search fee	\$31	\$32