

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION**


In the Matter of:	}	
Administrative Order	}	Administrative Order No. 19-02
Regarding Chapter 13 Procedures and	}	Northern Division Only
Compensation for Debtors' Attorneys	}	
in Chapter 13 Cases	}	

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING
CHAPTER 13 PROCEDURES AND COMPENSATION
FOR DEBTORS' ATTORNEYS IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective January 1, 2020, as follows:

1. **Deadline to File Amended Chapter 13 Plan.** An amended Chapter 13 plan must be filed by **12:00 p.m., Noon, CDT**, no less than **two (2) business days** prior to the scheduled confirmation hearing.
2. **Reduction of Compensation for Debtors' Attorneys for Failure to Timely File Amended Chapter 13 Plans and Reasonable Cause:**
 - i. If counsel for a debtor fails to comply with the deadline established herein for filing an amended Chapter 13 Plan, the amount of compensation awarded to counsel pursuant to Local Rule 2016-1(l) shall be and is hereby reduced by \$250.00, per incident, per case.
 - ii. The Chapter 13 Trustee may request a further reduction in compensation awarded pursuant to Local Rule 2016-1(l), up to \$1,000.00, for reasonable cause. After notice and hearing, the Court will determine the appropriate amount of any fee reduction based upon the totality of the circumstances.
3. **Payment of Attorney's Fees upon Dismissal.** If a Chapter 13 plan is not confirmed, upon Certification by counsel for a debtor that the services rendered in the case equal or exceed \$1,000.00, pursuant to Local Rule 2016-(p), attorney's fees in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 are hereby allowed and the Chapter 13 Trustee is hereby authorized to pay said amount as an administrative expense under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2) prior to returning any undistributed funds to a debtor pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1326(a)(2).

IT IS SO ORDERED this the 14th day of November 2019.



CLIFTON R. JESSUP, JR.
United States Bankruptcy Judge