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

In the Matter of:	}	
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Attorney's Fees under § 4.3 of the Local Chapter 13 Plan and the Sequence Payments under Part 7 of the Local Chapter 13 Plan	}	Administrative Order No. 26-03 Northern Division Only

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING: (1) ATTORNEY'S FEES UNDER § 4.3 OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER 13 PLAN, AND (2) SEQUENCE OF PAYMENTS UNDER PART 7 OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER 13 PLAN FOR CASES FILED IN THE NORTHERN DIVISION ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2026

Pursuant to local form *Chapter 13 Maximum Attorney Compensation Exempt from Fee Application Effective October 1, 2026*, an attorney representing a Debtor in a Chapter 13 case may charge total compensation that does not exceed $5,000.00 without filing a detailed application for compensation as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016, provided the attorney meets all the conditions and requirements listed in Bankr. N.D. Ala. R. 2016-1(l). Pursuant to § 4.3 of the local form Chapter 13 plan adopted by the Northern District of Alabama pursuant to Rule 3015.1 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Local Chapter 13 Plan"), the balance of the fee owed to Debtor(s)' attorney shall be payable in accordance with this Administrative Order as provided herein for all cases filed in the Northern Division on or after October 1, 2026.

Unless otherwise ordered, the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee shall disburse payments received by the Trustee under §§ 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3 of a Plan in the following sequence:

1. The Trustee shall collect her percentage fee currently due from all Plan payments at the time that funds are disbursed, until the fee then due is collected in full.
2. If the Plan proposes to pay the Chapter 13 case filing fee through the Plan, the Trustee

shall then disburse the filing fee installment payments currently due to the Clerk of the Court, until the amounts then due are paid in full.

3. The Trustee shall then disburse post-petition adequate protection payments to secured or lease creditors with allowed claims, if any, as provided in the Debtor(s)' most recent Plan, until the amounts then due are paid in full.

4. Beginning with the first post-confirmation distribution made by the Trustee, the Trustee shall disburse payments to the Debtor(s)' attorney until a maximum of $4,000.00 less any amount of the attorney's fee paid prepetition, of the total attorney's fee awarded in the Confirmation Order is paid. Payments will be made from the balance of the Plan payments received that remain after payment of: (i) the Trustee's fee; (ii) the filing fee; and (iii) adequate protection payments.

5. The Trustee shall then disburse pursuant to the Confirmation Order or a subsequent Order of the Court the following amounts proportionately until the amounts that are then currently due are paid in full:

   a. The monthly fixed payments on allowed secured claims, if any, including any amounts currently due and any unpaid arrearages; and

   b. The monthly fixed payments on allowed priority unsecured claims for domestic support and § 503(b) administrative expenses, if any, including any amounts currently due and any unpaid arrearages; and

   c. The monthly fixed payments on the remaining balance of the attorney's fee as awarded in the Confirmation Order, if any, including any amounts currently due and any unpaid arrearages.

The monthly fixed payments identified in paragraph 5 that are due pursuant to the Confirmation Order or a subsequent Order of the Court but are unpaid shall accrue

proportionately, based upon the amount of each fixed payment awarded, and shall be paid proportionately by the Trustee on a pro rata basis from available funds on hand.

6. The Trustee shall then disburse the amounts to be paid to holders of allowed priority unsecured claims, if any, on a pro rata basis until paid in full.

7. The Trustee shall then disburse the amounts to be paid to holders of allowed separately classified nonpriority unsecured claims, if any, on a pro rata basis until paid in full.

8. The Trustee shall then disburse the amounts to be paid to holders of allowed nonpriority unsecured claims not separately classified by the Plan, if any, on a pro rata basis or as provided in the Debtor(s)' most recent Plan.

9. The provisions of this Administrative Order shall not be given preclusive effect in the event a creditor or other party in interest timely objects to confirmation of a Debtor(s)' Plan, or to any proposed modification to a Debtor(s)' Plan.

IT IS SO ORDERED this the 30th day of September 2026.

/s/ Clifton R. Jessup, Jr.
Clifton R. Jessup, Jr.
United States Bankruptcy Judge