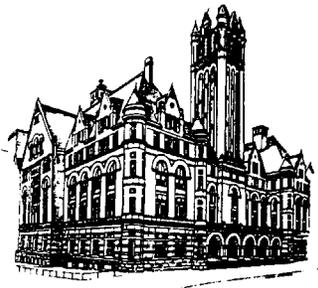


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Notice to Members of the Bar and Public

Re: Automatic Adjustment of Certain Dollar Amounts in the Bankruptcy Code and Official Bankruptcy Forms

On April 1, 2004, automatic adjustments to the dollar amounts stated in various provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, Title 11, U.S.C., will become effective. These amended dollar amounts will apply to cases filed on or after April 1, 2004.

These amended dollar amounts will affect the eligibility of a debtor to file under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, certain maximum values of property that a debtor may claim as exempt, the maximum amount of certain claims entitled to priority, the minimum aggregate value of claims needed to commence an involuntary bankruptcy, and the value of "luxury goods and services" deemed to be nondischargeable. In the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, Congress provided for the automatic adjustment of these dollar amounts at three-year intervals commencing April 1, 1998. The relevant provisions are codified in the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 104(b).

Two of the Official Bankruptcy Forms contain references to several of the affected dollar amounts. Accordingly, Official Form 6E, Schedule of Creditors Holding Claims Entitled to Priority, and Official Form 10, Proof of Claim, also will be amended April 1, 2004, and will apply to cases filed on or after that date. The Official Forms are available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/>. The local version of Form 10 is available in the Appendix to the Local Rules at <http://www.wieb.uscourts.gov/ctsv4i/localrules.html>.

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