

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**In re:** )  
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**INCREASE IN THE LOSS** ) **Misc. Proc. #21-204**  
**MITIGATION PROGRAM FEE** )  
**LIMITS FOR BOTH THE** )  
**DOCUMENT PREPARATION** )  
**SOFTWARE AND THE PORTAL** )

**STANDING ORDER**

The Court’s Loss Mitigation Program is set forth in *W.PA.LBR 9020-1* through *9020-7*, and the terms “Document Preparation Software” and “Portal” are defined in *W.PA.LBR 9020-1(b)(4)* and *(7)*, respectively. The Court has determined that there is a need to modify *W.PA.LBR 9020-7 LOSS MITIGATION PROGRAM FEES, COSTS & CHARGES* by increasing the Document Preparation Software fee limit from \$40.00 to \$60.00 and the Portal fee limit from \$40.00 to \$60.00.

**AND NOW**, this **25th** day of **February 2021**, it is hereby **ORDERED** that, **effective March 8, 2021**:

1. *W.PA.LBR 9020-7* is amended as follows:

Rule 9020-7 LOSS MITIGATION PROGRAM FEES, COSTS & CHARGES

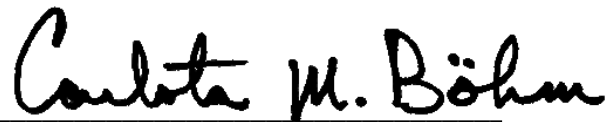
(a) Use of the Document Preparation Software requires the debtor to pay a fee of up to \$60.00 to the provider of the Document Preparation Software. Use of the Portal requires the debtor to pay a fee of up to \$60.00 to the administrator of the Portal. If use of the Document Preparation Software and/or the Portal creates an undue hardship, the debtor may file a motion specifying why the use of the Document Preparation Software and/or the Portal creates an undue hardship and requesting permission to prepare and exchange documents and communications with the Creditor in another manner.

(b) If a proposed LMP resolution provides for a Creditor to receive payment or reimbursement of any fee, cost or charge that arose from the LMP process, all such fees, costs and charges shall be disclosed to the debtor, the trustee, the U.S. Trustee, and to the Court prior to approval of the resolution. Counsel for the Creditor may be entitled to receive a reasonable fee for all work involved with the LMP and shall clearly delineate such fee in the LMP resolution or by amended proof of claim.

(c) Counsel for the debtor is entitled to receive reasonable compensation for all work involved in connection with the LMP process and shall file an application for allowance of attorney fees and costs with the Court, or alternatively accept a “no look” fee in a reasonable amount not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid as an administrative expense. Debtor’s counsel may also treat the Document Preparation Software fee of up to \$60 and the Portal fee of up to \$60 as administrative expenses. Counsel for the debtor shall request compensation for LMP work in excess of the no look fee by way of a fee application substantially conforming to W.PA.LBR 2016-1 which shall separately itemize and designate fees and expenses arising from LMP-related services. No fees or expenses arising from LMP-related services may be paid until an LMP Final Report is filed pursuant to W.PA.LBR 9020-4(f).

2. Both the increase in the Document Preparation Software fee limit to \$60.00 and the increase in the Portal fee limit to \$60.00 apply only to cases filed *on or after March 8, 2021* and is not retroactive.

3. The above amendment to *W.PA.LBR 9020-7*, and all other requirements set forth in the Court’s Loss Mitigation Program, shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.



CARLOTA M BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT