

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In re:

**CHAPTER 13
NO-LOOK FEES**

SECTION B

REASONS FOR GENERAL ORDER NO. 2007-2

By General Order No. 2007-2 dated May 3, 2007, both sections of this court agreed that after April 23, 2007:

1. The no-look fee for debtors' attorneys in Chapter 13 cases would be on a two-tiered system with \$2,250 as the fee for below the means test debtors and \$2,520 as the fee for above the means test debtors.
2. The no-look fee would cover the services and time period set forth in Exhibit A attached to the General Order.

The General Order and Exhibit A were accompanied by reasons issued only by Section A on May 3, 2007.

The undersigned judge of Section B now issues reasons for the General Order, which differ in one respect from those issued on May 3, 2007 by Section A.

The undersigned felt that in addition to the increased time and services required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, the compelling reason for an increase in the no-look fee was that by April 23, 2007, the previous fee of \$1,800 had become the lowest no-look fee allowed by

any bankruptcy court in the United States. That fact, standing alone, was and is sufficient justification for the increased fees provided for in General Order No. 2007-2

New Orleans, Louisiana, May 16, 2007.

/s/ JERRY A. BROWN
Chief Judge Jerry A. Brown