

Local Rule 2016-2

Compensation of Debtor's Counsel in Chapter 13 Case: Short Form of Application

(a) *Content of Application.* If counsel for the debtor in a chapter 13 case will receive a total of \$2000 or less for all services rendered therein, an application required by F.R.B.P. 2016(a) shall include a description of services rendered and expenses incurred, and the total time expended.

(b) *Form of Application.* An application for compensation or reimbursement of expenses that conforms substantially to L.B.F. 2016-2, satisfies the requirements of subdivision (a).

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Subdivision (a), which applies solely to applications of counsel for the debtor in chapter 13 cases, is designed to simplify the fee applications therein. The services performed must be described but time records need not accompany the application. This amendment is mandated by Lamie v. United States Trustee, 124 S.Ct. 1023 (2004), holding that 11 U.S.C. §330(a)(1) does not authorize compensation awards to debtors' attorneys from estate funds, unless they are employed by the chapter 7 trustee as authorized by 11 U.S.C. §327. Therefore, all applications by professionals, other than an attorney representing a chapter 13 debtor, shall be governed by F.R.B.P. 2016(a) and L.B.R. 2016-1, 2016-3 and L.B.F. 2016-3.

**L.B.F. 2016-2 Application of Counsel for Debtor
for Compensation or Reimbursement of Expenses**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re:)	Chapter 13
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Debtor)	Bankruptcy No.

APPLICATION FOR
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

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Name of applicant

applies under § 330 of the Code for an award of compensation and reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses and represents:

1. Applicant is counsel for the debtor.
2. All services rendered and expenses incurred for which compensation or reimbursement is requested were performed or incurred for or on behalf of the debtor, the services and expenses were actual and necessary, and the compensation requested for those services is reasonable.
3. The debtor paid applicant \$_____ prior to the filing of the petition.
4. Applicant requests an award of compensation of \$_____ for _____ hours expended in providing the following services:

(Description of Services)