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PUBLIC NOTICE

**CHANGES TO THE MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE COURTS OF APPEALS,
DISTRICT COURTS, AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS**

At its September 2013 session, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved several changes to the federal court miscellaneous fee schedules **effective December 1, 2013** as highlighted below.

First, the Conference amended the Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule to increase the appellate filing fee – referred to as the “docketing fee” in the schedule – from \$450 to \$500. This increase mirrors the recent adoption by the Conference of a \$50 administrative fee for civil cases in district court, and a similar, long-standing administrative fee for bankruptcy cases.

Second, the Conference increased the records retrieval fee in all federal courts by \$11 (from \$53 to \$64) for the first box requested from a Federal Records Center, and created a new fee of \$39 for each additional box requested. These fees represent an effort to recoup some of the rising shipping and processing costs for handling those paper records.

Third, the Conference established a new fee of \$176 in bankruptcy cases for the filing of motions for the sale of property free and clear of liens under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f). Motions filed under this statute provide asset purchasers and sellers in bankruptcy cases with substantial benefits, and impose significant burdens on the courts to resolve them.

Finally, the Conference amended the fee for checks returned for insufficient funds on each of the court fee schedules. The prior fee language – which applies only to “checks” – was outdated, as check payments have now largely been superseded by electronic payments. Please note that there is no change to the amount of this fee.