

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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Notice 22-01

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Notice to the Bar and the Public

In Re: The Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act, Pub. L. No. 116-325

On January 12, 2021, the President signed into law the Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act of 2020 (BAIA). Among several provisions of significance to the judiciary, the BAIA amends section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 330) to include a new subsection (e); this subsection establishes a new payment for trustees serving in chapter 7 bankruptcy cases, funded by excess collections in the U.S. Trustee System Fund and paid by the judiciary.

A chapter 7 trustee serving in a case filed under chapter 7 on or after January 12, 2021, and through September 30, 2026 (or a case originally filed under chapters 11, 12, or 13 on or after January 12, 2021, and later converted to chapter 7 on or before September 30, 2026), is eligible to receive up to \$60 in compensation for each applicable case.

This new payment supplements the existing payment for trustees serving in chapter 7 cases. The trustees will receive this new payment from the Chapter 7 Trustee Fund established by section 330(e)(1). Chapter 7 Trustees will be required to certify that they are eligible to receive the payment through the filing of a new CM/ECF event "Trustee Services Rendered Pursuant to 330(e)". Use of any other CM/ECF event will result in a delay in payment or failure of the Chapter 7 Trustee being identified as eligible for payment.

Chapter 7 Trustees should review the <u>Interim Regulations for Trustee Payments Under 11 U.S.C. § 330(e)</u> available on <u>www.uscourts.gov</u> > Rules & Policies > Judiciary Policies > Bankruptcy Case Policies for guidelines regarding the new payment available per BAIA. Chapter 7 Trustees should refer specifically to Section 5: Trustee Eligibility for Payment, Section 6: Disbursing Section 330(e) Payments, and Section 7: Claims for Section 330(e) Payment.

A CM\ECF guidance for public users is available from the PACER website at: https://pacer.uscourts.gov/file-case/developer-resources/cmecf-release-notes/cmecf-release-notes-trustee-services-rendered?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 31st day of January, 2022.

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