

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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In re:	)	
	)	Administrative Order
LOCAL CIVIL RULE 16.5(b)(i)(B)	)	No. <u>16-RL-072</u>
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At a regular Judges' meeting conducted on June 10, 2016, the Court approved a recommendation by the VFM/ADR Advisory Committee to increase the fees for Case Evaluation to \$200.00 for each evaluator, for a total of \$600.00 per party, to allow for a more equitable compensation to the evaluators. Accordingly, amendments to the Local Civil Rules are necessary.

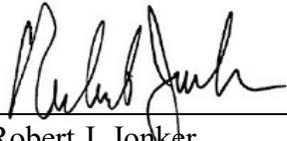
**IT IS ORDERED** that Local Civil Rule 16.5(b)(i)(B) is hereby amended as follows:

- (B) Fees - Each party must send each evaluator a check for \$200.00, for a total fee of \$600 per party. Promptly thereafter, a proof of payment must be filed with the ADR Administrator. Failure to submit a proof showing timely payment subjects the offending attorney to a \$150.00 penalty, which may not be charged to the client. The rules set forth in Mich. Ct. R. 2.403 for allocation of fees among multiple parties or claims apply. Once paid, the fee is not subject to refund.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the foregoing amendment shall take effect immediately, because it does not affect substantive or procedural rights and will help ensure we retain qualified evaluators on the Court's panel. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e). Any member of the public may, however, submit a comment in writing no later than **August 12, 2016**, to the Clerk of Court by mail or electronically to [ecfhelp@miwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:ecfhelp@miwd.uscourts.gov). The Court will consider all comments and determine whether a further amendment to the Rule is required.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall provide a copy of this Administrative Order to the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. All attorneys registered for electronic service on the CM/ECF system shall be given electronic notice of this rule amendment, and the official rules posted on the Court's website will be amended accordingly.

FOR THE COURT:

  
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Robert J. Jonker  
Chief United States District Judge

Dated: July 14, 2016