

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

In re:)
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ADMINISTRATION OF)
CHAPTER 13 CASES IN THE) Administrative Order No. 17-3
AKRON, CANTON, AND)
CLEVELAND COURT)
LOCATIONS)

ORDER GENERALLY MANDATING WAGE ORDERS
IN CHAPTER 13 CASES

This Administrative Order is effective for all Chapter 13 cases filed in the Akron, Canton, and Cleveland court locations on or after December 1, 2017.

I. In order to increase the success of Chapter 13 debtors and to effect the efficient administration of Chapter 13 cases, the undersigned judges have generally mandated the use of wage orders in Chapter 13 cases. The existence of a wage order increases the chances that payments will be timely made, the case will move smoothly through the judicial system, and the debtor will receive a discharge. A debtor is protected from retaliation by an employer by other bankruptcy law provisions.

II. Unless the Court orders otherwise for good cause (for example, if the debtor is self-employed or receiving only Social Security or a pension that cannot be subject to a wage order), each debtor shall be responsible for ensuring that there is a wage order in his or her Chapter 13 case. The debtor shall use the local form available from the Court for the court location where the debtor's case is pending, unless the trustee indicates that he or she will prepare the wage order, in which case the debtor must provide the trustee with all the information the trustee needs to prepare the order.

III. Nothing in this Administrative Order shall relieve any party from complying with any obligation under the United States Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio, or any applicable Administrative or General Orders.

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/s/ Russ Kendig

Russ Kendig

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: October 31, 2017

/s/Arthur I. Harris

Arthur I. Harris

United States Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ Jessica E. Price Smith

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United States Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ Alan M. Koschik

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