

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

BANKRUPTCY STANDING ORDER 2015-2

Orders Approving Attorney's Fees in Chapter 13 Cases to be Converted

Pursuant to the ruling in *Harris v. Viegelaahn*, 135 S.Ct. 1829 (2015), to facilitate payment of attorney's fees to chapter 13 debtors' counsel prior to plan confirmation in cases to be converted to chapter 7 liquidation,

IT IS ORDERED that chapter 13 debtors' counsel include the following language in all orders submitted to approve compensation prior to conversion of a case with an unconfirmed plan:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trustee is authorized to pay approved attorney's fees by joint check payable to the debtor and the debtor's attorney, personally and as agent and attorney in fact for the debtor, prior to case confirmation if the court determines that the case will be converted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Standing Order will be effective for chapter 13 attorney fee applications considered after September 1, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

**Douglas D. Dodd
United States Bankruptcy Judge
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
September 1, 2015**