

Memorandum



Subject:	Date:
Disclosure of Connections - United States Trustee	February 27, 2019

To:

Panel Trustees
Western District of Pennsylvania

From:

Joseph S. Sisca,
Assistant United States Trustee

As you know, Bankruptcy Rule 2014 requires that a retention application disclose all of the applicant's connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, **the United States trustee**, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee. The application is to be accompanied by a verified statement of the person to be employed setting forth the person's connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, **the United States trustee**, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee.

We have observed many retention applications in which the applicant, a panel trustee, represents that he/she has no connection with the United States trustee. Given the relationships between trustees and our office, you should disclose that you are a panel trustee. For example: "I have no connection with the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee, except that I serve on the panel of chapter 7 trustees for the Western District of Pennsylvania."

Please contact me if you should have any questions or concerns.