

To: Chapter 7 ED Pa. Panel Trustee

From: AUST Baker

Date: August 6, 2018

Re: Compensating Trustee's Professional

In our respective jurisdiction, the court does not always schedule the hearing on §327(a) counsel's request for compensation to coincide with the TFR hearing. As such, it is difficult to take into consideration when reviewing the fee request the benefit that was provided to the estate for the professional's performance of services. And, if the request is considered a final award of fees, there may not be an opportunity to reevaluate the award when the TFR is submitted and a consideration of the benefit to the estate can be undertaken.

In light of the foregoing, we are requesting that you provide certain information to us with respect to any final compensation request submitted by §327(a) counsel which will be heard by the court prior to consideration of the TFR hearing. We will require you to submit a verified statement to us within 5 days of the filing of the professional's compensation request which provides us sufficient information to determine the value the professional's services provided to the estate. This can include the following: (1) anticipated distribution to unsecured creditors with a corresponding attribution directly related to the professional's services; (2) entire receipts brought into the estate with a corresponding attribution directly related to the professional's services; or (3) any explanation that would elaborate on the value added by the professional's services if there is no direct correlation between items 1 and 2.