

Local Rule 2014-1(c) Employment of Professionals

- (c) A combined application to employ accountant and pay compensation for the preparation of a tax return may be filed and approved without notice or hearing if the requested compensation does not exceed the Maximum Fixed Fee per tax return. The Court will publish the current Maximum Fixed Fee on its website.
- ~~(e) An *ex parte* application to employ accountant combined with application to pay compensation may be allowed without further application or notice and hearing, under this rule, when the compensation will not exceed \$300 per annum and employment will not exceed three years.~~
- ~~(1) In chapter 7 cases, the trustee may make an *ex parte* application to employ combined with application to compensate an accountant for the estate for the purpose of tax preparation and accounting services, without further notice or hearing if it limits payment to less than \$300 per year for each year's tax returns payable at the completion of a return, and which employment shall be for no longer than three years;~~
- ~~(2) This *ex parte* procedure is available only where no earlier application to employ an accountant has been made and no later applications are contemplated by the trustee;~~
- ~~(3) The trustee must indicate to the court that the administration of the estate is expected to be completed within three years; and~~
- ~~(4) Employment beyond tax preparation and attendant accounting services where compensation in excess of \$300 per year or a duration longer than three years is sought requires separate applications to employ and for compensation with notice to all creditors and other parties in interest under FED. R. BANKR. P. 2016 and BLR 2016 1.~~