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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH**

In re **Attorney's Fees in Chapter 13
Cases**

Case No: **06-50001**
Chapter 13

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**STATEMENT OF ROBERT A. EDER SR.
PRESUMPTIVE DEBTORS ATTORNEY'S FEES IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

Now comes Robert A. Eder Sr. in support of raising the presumptive Attorney's Fees in Chapter 13 cases. I am a sole practitioner in Salt Lake County, having been admitted to the Utah State Bar and to practice before this United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Utah, in May 2002. I find the presumptive fee structure awarded to Debtors' Attorneys in Chapter 13 cases too low because:

1. The new bankruptcy laws demand specialized and detailed knowledge on the part of a debtor's attorney. Applying this detailed knowledge requires careful consideration of the

legal aspects of my clients' cases and petitions. Such careful consideration demands counsel's time with each client.

2. I find the time required on my part in responsibly representing a debtor in a Chapter 13 case averages between 30 and 40 hours. At the current presumptive fee of between \$1,600 and \$2,000 for such a case, the Court effectively reduces my hourly rate to around \$60 per hour.
3. I believe this current presumptive fee understates the value of my professional legal services and underestimates my time spent.
4. For the above reasons, I respectfully ask this Court to raise the Chapter 13 presumptive fees to a minimum of \$4,000 per case.

Submitted on this 24th day of February, 2006.


Robert A. Eder Sr., Attorney for Debtors