



## **Chapter 13 - One Debtor Converts, the Other Dismisses**

In a joint Chapter 13 case, there may be an occasion to bifurcate the two debtors for various reasons. Recall that a bifurcation fee is necessary when two estates are created by virtue of the bifurcation. That being said, in the case of one debtor converting and the other dismissing, please also recall that you can save your client a bifurcation fee if one of the debtors is dismissed BEFORE the conversion. Once one of the debtors is dismissed, you can then convert the remaining debtor, and only a conversion fee is due, but NOT the bifurcation fee. A new case number is also not necessary.

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