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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re

**FEE PAYMENT POLICY**

**GENERAL ORDER 01-01**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The Clerk of Court will not accept business or personal checks for payment of fees unless:
  - A) The drawer is an attorney with a valid State of California Bar identification number included on the check, or
  - B) The drawer is an attorney firm with the firm's name pre-printed on the check and a valid State of California Bar identification number included on the check, or
  - C) The drawer is a governmental entity with the name of the agency pre-printed on the check, or
  - D) The drawer is an individual appointed as the trustee for the bankruptcy

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matter to which the check pertains, and the trustee's name is pre-printed on the check.


2. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in paragraph 1, the Clerk of Court will not accept business or personal checks from an attorney or trustee for the payment of filing fees relating to his or her own bankruptcy petition. Checks from attorneys or trustees in bankruptcy for the payment of fees for clients will be accepted, provided that the check otherwise complies with the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 above.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Clerk of Court, at his or her discretion, may reject any check from any party where a demonstrated risk of uncollectible funds has been shown. Such demonstration includes, but is not limited to, presentation of a previously uncollectible check to the Court.

4. Except as stated above, all persons or entities must pay fees with either cash, money order issued by the U.S. Postal Service, or cashier's check issued by a financial institution acceptable to the Clerk of Court. The Clerk of Court, at his or her discretion, may also accept payment of fees by debit or credit cards as determined by the Clerk of Court from all persons or entities except debtors.

5. This General Order supersedes General Order 98-01 dated October 6, 1998, which is hereby vacated.

DATED: April 3, 2001

  
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**GERALDINE MUND**  
Chief Judge, United States  
Bankruptcy Court