

The Central Guide Supplement to LBR 7054-1

**Bill of Costs;
Items Taxable as Costs**

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- (a) **Bill of Costs [LBR 7054-1]**. A bill of costs filed electronically or non-electronically must comply with LBR 7054-1. The prevailing party who is awarded costs must file and serve a bill of costs not later than 14 days after entry of judgment. Each item claimed must be set forth separately in the bill of costs.
- (b) **Items Taxable as Costs**. Pursuant to LBR 7054-1, the following items are taxable as costs:
- (1) **Filing Fees**. The clerk's filing fees;
 - (2) **Fees for Service of Process**. Fees for service of process (whether served by the United States Marshal or in any other manner authorized by FRBP 7004);
 - (3) **United States Marshal's Fees**. Fees of the United States Marshal collected and taxed as costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1921;
 - (4) **Clerk's Fees**. Fees for certification of documents necessary for preparation for a hearing or trial; and
 - (5) **Transcripts and Digital Recordings**. The cost of the original and one copy of all or any part of a trial transcript, daily transcript, or a transcript of matters occurring before or after trial, if requested by the court or prepared pursuant to stipulation. The cost of a digital recording, if requested by the court or obtained pursuant to stipulation.
 - (6) **Depositions**. Costs incurred in connection with taking depositions, including:
 - (A) The cost of the original and one copy of each deposition taken for any purpose in connection with the case;
 - (B) The reasonable fees of the deposition reporter, the notary, and any other person required to report, record, or transcribe the deposition;
 - (C) Reasonable witness fees paid to a deponent, including fees actually paid to an expert witness deponent pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 26(b)(4)(c);
 - (D) Reasonable fees paid to an interpreter when necessary to the taking of the deposition; and
 - (E) The cost of reproducing exhibits used at the deposition and made a part of the deposition transcript.

- (7) Witness Fees. Fees paid to witnesses, including:
- (A) Per diem, mileage, subsistence, and attendance fees as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 1821 paid to witnesses subpoenaed or actually attending the proceeding;
 - (B) Witness fees for a party if required to attend by opposing party; and
 - (C) Witness fees for officers and employees of a corporation if they are not parties in their individual capacities.
- (8) Interpreter's and Translator's Fees. Fees paid to interpreters and translators, including:
- (A) The salaries, fees, expenses and costs of an interpreter as provided by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1827 and 1828; and
 - (B) Fees for translation of documents received in evidence, used as part of the proceeding, or when otherwise reasonably necessary to the preparation of the case.
- (9) Docket Fees. Docket fees as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1923.
- (10) Certification, Exemplification, and Reproduction of Documents. Document preparation costs, including:
- (A) The cost of copies of an exhibit attached to a document necessarily filed and served;
 - (B) The cost of copies of a document admitted into evidence when the original is not available, or the copy is substituted for the original at the request of an opposing party;
 - (C) Fees for an official certification of proof respecting the non-existence of a document or record;
 - (D) Patent Office charges for the patent file wrappers and prior art patents necessary to the prosecution or defense of a proceeding involving a patent;
 - (E) Notary fees incurred in notarizing a document when the cost of the document is taxable; and
 - (F) Fees for necessary certification or exemplification of any document.

- (11) Premium on Undertakings and Bonds. Premiums paid on undertakings, bonds, security stipulations, or substitutes therefor where required by law or court order, or where necessary to enable a party to secure a right granted in the proceeding.
- (12) Other Costs. Upon order of the court, additional items, including the following, may be taxed as costs:
 - (A) Summaries, computations, polls, surveys, statistical comparisons, maps, charts, diagrams, and other visual aids reasonably necessary to assist the court or jury in understanding the issues at the trial;
 - (B) Photographs, if admitted in evidence or attached to documents necessarily filed and served upon the opposing party; and
 - (C) The cost of models if ordered by the court in advance of or during trial.
- (13) Removed Cases. Costs incurred in state court prior to removal that are recoverable under state statutes are recoverable by the prevailing party in this court.
- (14) Costs on Appeal.
 - (A) The taxation of costs on a bankruptcy appeal to the bankruptcy appellate panel are governed by FRBP 8014 and Bankruptcy Appellate Panel Rule 8014-1.
 - (B) The taxation of costs on a bankruptcy appeal to the district court are governed by FRBP 8014 and Local Civil Rules 54-5 and 54-6 of the district court.