

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STANDING ORDER 2014-02A (Amended¹)

REFUND POLICY FOR DUPLICATE ELECTRONIC FILING FEES

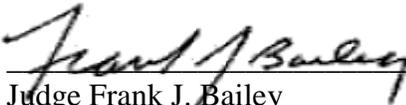
This Order promulgates procedures for the refunding of duplicate filing fees which occur through errors made during the electronic filing of documents. The Judicial Conference of the United States, which has had a longstanding policy of not refunding filing fees (JCUS-MAR 49, p.202), recently issued guidance endorsing limited refund authority by the courts as a result of the increased likelihood of inadvertent erroneous or duplicate payments made by filing parties using Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF).

With the advent of electronic filing and payment of fees, errors have become more commonplace during the filing and payment process resulting in duplicate payments of the applicable filing fee. It has therefore been left to the discretion of each individual court to determine what policies and procedures to implement with regards to the refunding of erroneously charged filing fee payments.

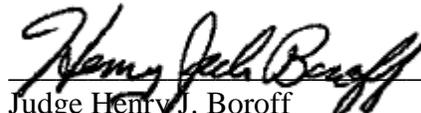
IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of Court, or his/her designee, shall be authorized to refund a fee erroneously paid:

- (1) if discovered by the Court or the clerk's office that a fee has been erroneously paid; or
- (2) if an attorney files a request for a fee refund and it can be determined by the Clerk of Court, or his/her designee, that the fee has been erroneously paid.

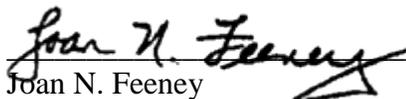
Upon verification of the error, the refund shall be processed back to the same credit card or account from which the duplicate payment was made and be entered on the docket for recording purposes.



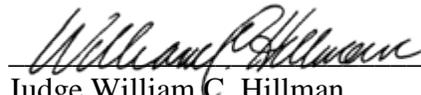
Judge Frank J. Bailey



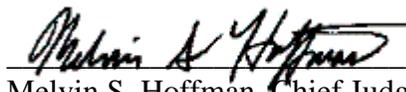
Judge Henry J. Boroff



Joan N. Feeney



Judge William C. Hillman



Melvin S. Hoffman, Chief Judge

December 15, 2014

¹ Amended by adding the words "or account" in the last sentence to enlarge upon the various types of transactions for which the Clerk's Office could process a refund.