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Subject Bankruptcy Rule 1006

Judge Zilly:

One issue on the rules and IFP is that as people are finding out about IFP, so are petition preparers. So we have more and more IFP applicants who have paid up to \$200 to a petition preparer (BPP) to fill out all those forms for them, but won't be paying anything to the trustee or the government for the work that we have to do processing their case. And there is no loophole in the rules to deny the petition if they paid a BPP. This is tricky, since we don't want to reject a debtor who needs to file just because s/he went to someone to type up that mass of forms. But I don't think Congress intended the BPP to get paid, while the trustee doesn't. Perhaps the Rules Committee could look at this.

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Bankruptcy Judge  
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