

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN THE MATTER OF
APPLICATION TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS

GENERAL ORDER
NO. 51

The court determines that many prisoners who are unable to pay the full costs of court and service of process are nevertheless able to pay partial costs. Accordingly, the court hereby adopts a flexible method of making such determinations. In order to extend the ratio of payment to include inmate litigants with sufficient assets to pay filing fees and service costs either in whole or in part, the following advisory criteria based on present economic status should be considered in arriving at a reasonable payment:

<u>Petitioner's Present Assets</u>		<u>Clerk's Fee</u>	
Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount	Minimum Payment	Maximum Payment
\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3.00
\$ 20.01	\$ 45.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 9.00
\$ 45.01	\$ 65.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 15.00
\$ 65.01	\$ 85.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 21.00
\$ 85.01	\$105.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 27.00
\$105.01	\$125.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 33.00
\$125.01	\$145.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 39.00

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\$145.01	\$165.00	\$39.00	\$45.00
\$165.01	\$185.00	\$45.00	\$51.00
\$185.01	\$205.00	\$51.00	\$57.00
\$205.01	\$225.01	\$57.00	\$60.00
\$225.01	-	\$60.00	

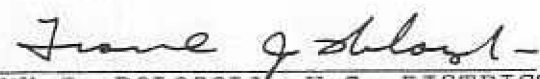
These guidelines are intended to serve solely as a point of reference and do not preclude either consideration of the numerous other variables inherent in a 28 U.S.C. §1915 determination or the selection of separate standards to apply in cases in which the petitioner's prior financial record makes reliance on his present economic status inappropriate.

The Clerk of Court shall mail a copy of this General Order to the Attorney General of Louisiana, to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Corrections and to the Warden of each Louisiana penal institution located within this district with the request that this information be published within each institution.

SO ORDERED:

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 23, 1983.


JOHN V. PARKER, CHIEF JUDGE


FRANK J. POLOZOLA, U.S. DISTRICT
JUDGE