

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



GENERAL ORDER #34

Amendment to Local Rules of Civil Procedure
83.3(g) Reimbursement for Pro Bono Expenses

At its March 14, 2008 meeting, the Board of Judges for the Northern District of New York amended Local Rule 83.3(g) to increase the amounts Pro Bono attorneys who are appointed pursuant to this Rule may seek as reimbursement for expenses incident to the representation of an indigent client. **Effective March 20, 2008, Local rule 83.3(g) shall now read:**

(g) Reimbursement for Expenses. *Pro Bono* attorneys who are appointed pursuant to this Rule may seek reimbursement for expenses incident to representation of indigent clients by application to the Court. Reimbursement or advances shall be permitted to the extent possible in light of available resources and, absent extraordinary circumstances, shall not exceed **\$2,000.00**. Any expenses in excess of **\$500.00** should receive the Court's prior approval. If good cause is shown, the Court may approve additional expenses. Request for reimbursement should be submitted on the Pro Bono Fund Voucher and Request for Reimbursement Form and be accompanied by detailed documentation. Counsel are advised that vouchers submitted in excess of **\$2,000.00**, absent the Court's prior approval, may be reduced or denied. All reimbursements made by withdrawal from the District Fund shall require the approval of the Chief Judge or a judge designated by the Chief Judge to authorize withdrawals. **To the extent that appointed counsel seeks reimbursement for expenses that are recoverable as costs to a prevailing party under Fed R. Civ. P. 54, the appointed attorney must submit a verified bill of costs on the form the Clerk provides for reimbursement of such expenses.**

This General Order shall remain in effect until these modifications are incorporated into the Local Rules of the Northern District of New York.

SO ORDERED

This 17th day of March, 2008
Syracuse, New York



Norman A. Mordue
Chief United States District Court Judge