

1 JUDGE HERB ROSS (Recalled)

2 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA  
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6 **Filed On**  
7 **1/26/12**

8 In re

9 JOANIE KLEIN,

10 Debtor(s)

Case No. A10-00581-HAR  
In Chapter 7

11 **MEMORANDUM REGARDING**  
12 **REDUCTION OF ATTORNEY FEES**

13 William Artus has filed an application for **\$10,037.50** for his attorney fees in representing  
14 the trustee, William Barstow. Docket No. 114. For the reasons given below, the fees will be  
15 reduced by \$807.50, to **\$9,230.00** . Since Mr. Artus has not been offered a hearing in advance,  
16 the court will set one should he request one by a timely motion to reconsider.

17 **TELEPHONE CHARGES-** The bill shows 29 line items for teleconferences for .2 hours per  
18 item (there are some other line items for lengthier calls). In some other bankruptcy cases, the  
19 court has docked Mr. Artus' fees at a time when his billing program had a minimum setting of .25  
20 hours. This did not comply with the local rules requiring reporting to allow for a .1 hour  
21 increment.

22 The problem was not that one could not have a .25 hour phone call, but that all calls had  
23 that minimum amount. In the present case, I do not believe Mr. Artus had 29 phone calls in this  
24 case, each lasting about .2 hours. More likely, most were only .1 hours. So, I have arbitrarily  
25 allowed the 29 calls at .13 hours, or **\$942.50** (\$250 x 29 x .13), and reduced the fees by **\$507.50**  
26 (\$250 x 29 x .07).  
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