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Does Bankruptcy Still Exist After 2005?

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Introduction

On October 17, 2005, United States Bankruptcy Law underwent its most radical change in more than a quarter of a century. Central to the revision of the law was the belief in Congress – helped along by nearly 10 years of lobbying by credit card issuers – that Americans were largely “taking unfair advantage” of Bankruptcy law and thereby “abusing” their creditors. To redress this perceived wrong, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) introduced the “means test” – that is, an income qualification for Chapter 7 (liquidation, or “walk away”) Bankruptcy.

The “Means Test,” Part I – Median Income

Initially, the Means Test, contained in 11 U.S.C. §707(b), states that if a Bankruptcy filer’s (that is, a “Debtor”) income during the 6 calendar months preceding the month in which he or she files Bankruptcy exceeds the median income for a family of that person’s family size in that person’s home state, then he or she is presumed to “abuse” the Bankruptcy Laws if he or she files a Chapter 7 case. The following are the thresholds in question for the State of California:

Family Size	Median Income
1 Person	46,814
2 People	61,742
3 People	66,611
4 People	76,931
5 People	83,831
6 People	90,731
7 People	97,631
8 People	104,531

In the first instance, then, Chapter 7 Bankruptcy is still very much available to anyone whose income is low enough, or whose family is large enough, during the six (6) months preceding the Petition Date. *But that’s not all*

The “Means Test,” Part II – Reasonable Expenses

Even for those whose income, in the first instance, exceeds the median income for a family their size, however, Chapter 7 Bankruptcy may still be available. §707 actually contains a “two tier” test. Part II of the test involves looking at the Debtor’s monthly expenses and seeing, after taking into account “reasonable” expenses, if the Debtor has a surplus of **\$100 per month** or more with which to pay his or her general unsecured creditors. What are the “reasonable” expenses?

Any amounts spent on life, health or disability insurance, or a health savings account;

1. Any amounts necessary to satisfy annual income tax obligations;
2. Any amounts spent for child care, child support or alimony;
3. Charitable contributions of up to 15% of the Debtor’s income, if it can be shown that such contributions have routinely been made in the past; and

The following standards for other expenses determined by “your friends and mine” at the *Internal Revenue Service*:

IRS Collection Financial Standards for Food, Clothing and Other Items				
Expense	One Person	Two Persons	Three Persons	Four Persons
Food	\$277	\$528	\$626	\$752
Housekeeping supplies	\$28	\$60	\$61	\$74
Apparel & services	\$85	\$155	\$209	\$244
Personal care products & services	\$30	\$53	\$58	\$65
Miscellaneous	\$87	\$165	\$197	\$235
Total	\$507	\$961	\$1,151	\$1,370
More than four persons		Additional Amount Per Person		
For each additional person, add to four-person total allowance:		\$262		

IRS Collection Financial Standards for Health Care Expenses	
Out of Pocket Costs	
Under 65	\$57

65 and Older	\$144
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IRS Local Housing and Utilities Standards – Riverside County									
1 Person		2 People		3 People		4 People		5 or More People	
Util.	Rent	Util.	Rent	Util.	Rent	Util.	Rent	Util.	Rent
\$397	\$1,079	\$466	\$1,268	\$491	\$1,336	\$548	\$1,489	\$556	\$1,514

IRS Local Transportation Expense Standards - West Census Region		
Public Transportation Costs		
National	\$163	
Operating Costs		
Region	One Car	Two Cars
Los Angeles	\$261	\$522
Ownership Costs		
National	First Car	Second Car
	\$489	\$489

Attached is a sample calculation for a typical family of two (2) earning \$80,000 per year.
But that's STILL not all

MEANS TEST FOR FAMILY
OF 2 EARNING \$80,000 PER
YEAR AND *RENTING*
THEIR HOME

In re: Client, Dummy _____
Debtor(s)

Case Number: _____
(If known)

According to the calculations required by this statement:
 The presumption arises
 The presumption does not arise
 (Check the box as directed in Parts I, III, and VI of this statement.)

**CHAPTER 7 STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME
 AND MEANS-TEST CALCULATION**

In addition to Schedules I and J, this statement must be completed by every individual chapter 7 debtor, whether or not filing jointly. Joint debtors may complete one statement only.

Part I. EXCLUSION FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND NON-CONSUMER DEBTORS

1A	If you are a disabled veteran described in the Veteran's Declaration in this Part I, (1) check the box at the beginning of the Veteran's Declaration, (2) check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of this statement, and (3) complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete any of the remaining parts of this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Declaration. By checking this box, I declare under penalty of perjury that I am a disabled veteran (as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 3741(1)) whose indebtedness occurred primarily during a period in which I was on active duty (as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101(d)(1)) or while I was performing a homeland defense activity (as defined in 32 U.S.C. § 901(1)).
1B	If your debts are not primarily consumer debts, check the box below and complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete any of the remaining parts of this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of non-consumer debts. By checking this box, I declare that my debts are not primarily consumer debts.

Part II. CALCULATION OF MONTHLY INCOME FOR § 707(b)(7) EXCLUSION

2	Marital/filing status. Check the box that applies and complete the balance of this part of this statement as directed. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unmarried. Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 3-11. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, not filing jointly, with declaration of separate households. By checking this box, debtor declares under penalty of perjury: "My spouse and I are legally separated under applicable non-bankruptcy law or my spouse and I are living apart other than for the purpose of evading the requirements of § 707(b)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code." Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 3-11. c. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, not filing jointly, without the declaration of separate households set out in Line 2.b above. Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B (Spouse's Income) for Lines 3-11. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, filing jointly. Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B ("Spouse's Income") for Lines 3-11.											
	All figures must reflect average monthly income received from all sources, derived during the six calendar months prior to filing the bankruptcy case, ending on the last day of the month before the filing. If the amount of monthly income varied during the six months, you must divide the six-month total by six, and enter the result on the appropriate line.	Column A Debtor's Income	Column B Spouse's Income									
3	Gross wages, salary, tips, bonuses, overtime, commissions.	\$ 6,666.67	\$									
4	Income from the operation of a business, profession or farm. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference in the appropriate column(s) of Line 4. If you operate more than one business, profession or farm, enter aggregate numbers and provide details on an attachment. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the business expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part V.											
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c.	Business income	Subtract Line b from Line a										

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5	Rent and other real property income. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference in the appropriate column(s) of Line 5. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the operating expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part V.			
	a.	Gross receipts	\$	
	b.	Ordinary and necessary operating expenses	\$	
	c.	Rent and other real property income	Subtract Line b from Line a	
			\$	\$
6	Interest, dividends, and royalties.		\$	\$
7	Pension and retirement income.		\$	\$
8	Any amounts paid by another person or entity, on a regular basis, for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents, including child support paid for that purpose. Do not include alimony or separate maintenance payments or amounts paid by your spouse if Column B is completed.		\$	\$
9	Unemployment compensation. Enter the amount in the appropriate column(s) of Line 9. However, if you contend that unemployment compensation received by you or your spouse was a benefit under the Social Security Act, do not list the amount of such compensation in Column A or B, but instead state the amount in the space below:			
	Unemployment compensation claimed to be a benefit under the Social Security Act	Debtor \$ _____	Spouse \$ _____	
			\$	\$
10	Income from all other sources. Specify source and amount. If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. Do not include alimony or separate maintenance payments paid by your spouse if Column B is completed, but include all other payments of alimony or separate maintenance. Do not include any benefits received under the Social Security Act or payments received as a victim of a war crime, crime against humanity, or as a victim of international or domestic terrorism.			
	a.		\$	
	b.		\$	
Total and enter on Line 10			\$	\$
11	Subtotal of Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). Add Lines 3 thru 10 in Column A, and, if Column B is completed, add Lines 3 through 10 in Column B. Enter the total(s).		\$ 6,666.67	\$
12	Total Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). If Column B has been completed, add Line 11, Column A to Line 11, Column B, and enter the total. If Column B has not been completed, enter the amount from Line 11, Column A.		\$	6,666.67
Part III. APPLICATION OF § 707(B)(7) EXCLUSION				
13	Annualized Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). Multiply the amount from Line 12 by the number 12 and enter the result.		\$	80,000.04
14	Applicable median family income. Enter the median family income for the applicable state and household size. (This information is available by family size at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)			
	a. Enter debtor's state of residence: California b. Enter debtor's household size: 2		\$	61,742.00
15	Application of Section 707(b)(7). Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 13 is less than or equal to the amount on Line 14. Check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete Part VIII; do not complete Parts IV, V, VI, or VII. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 13 is more than the amount on Line 14. Complete the remaining parts of this statement.			

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Complete Parts IV, V, VI, and VII of this statement only if required. (See Line 15.)

Part IV. CALCULATION OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME FOR § 707(b)(2)

16	Enter the amount from Line 12.	\$ 6,666.67									
17	<p>Marital adjustment. If you checked the box at Line 2.c, enter on Line 17 the total of any income listed in Line 11, Column B that was NOT paid on a regular basis for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents. Specify in the lines below the basis for excluding the Column B income (such as payment of the spouse's tax liability or the spouse's support of persons other than the debtor or the debtor's dependents) and the amount of income devoted to each purpose. If necessary, list additional adjustments on a separate page. If you did not check box at Line 2.c, enter zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a.</td> <td style="width:70%;"></td> <td style="width:25%; text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> </table>	a.		\$	b.		\$	c.		\$	\$
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b.		\$									
c.		\$									
18	Current monthly income for § 707(b)(2). Subtract Line 17 from Line 16 and enter the result.	\$ 6,666.67									

Part V. CALCULATION OF DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME

Subpart A: Deductions under Standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

19A	<p>National Standards: food, clothing and other items. Enter in Line 19A the "Total" amount from IRS National Standards for Food, Clothing and Other Items for the applicable household size. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$ 961.00																								
19B	<p>National Standards: health care. Enter in Line a1 below the amount from IRS National Standards for Out-of-Pocket Health Care for persons under 65 years of age, and in Line a2 the IRS National Standards for Out-of-Pocket Health Care for persons 65 years of age or older. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) Enter in Line b1 the number of members of your household who are under 65 years of age, and enter in Line b2 the number of members of your household who are 65 years of age or older. (The total number of household members must be the same as the number stated in Line 14b.) Multiply Line a1 by Line b1 to obtain a total amount for household members under 65, and enter the result in Line c1. Multiply Line a2 by Line b2 to obtain a total amount for household members 65 and older, and enter the result in Line c2. Add Lines c1 and c2 to obtain a total health care amount, and enter the result in Line 19B.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align:center;">Household members under 65 years of age</th> <th colspan="3" style="text-align:center;">Household members 65 years of age or older</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a1.</td> <td style="width:60%;">Allowance per member</td> <td style="width:35%; text-align:right;">57.00</td> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a2.</td> <td>Allowance per member</td> <td style="text-align:right;">144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b1.</td> <td>Number of members</td> <td style="text-align:right;">2</td> <td style="text-align:center;">b2.</td> <td>Number of members</td> <td style="text-align:right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c1.</td> <td>Subtotal</td> <td style="text-align:right;">114.00</td> <td style="text-align:center;">c2.</td> <td>Subtotal</td> <td style="text-align:right;">0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Household members under 65 years of age			Household members 65 years of age or older			a1.	Allowance per member	57.00	a2.	Allowance per member	144.00	b1.	Number of members	2	b2.	Number of members	0	c1.	Subtotal	114.00	c2.	Subtotal	0.00	\$ 114.00
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20A	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; non-mortgage expenses. Enter the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; non-mortgage expenses for the applicable county and household size. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court).</p>	\$ 466.00																								
20B	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; mortgage/rent expense. Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent expense for your county and family size (this information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter on Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by your home, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 20B. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a.</td> <td style="width:60%;">IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rental expense</td> <td style="width:35%; text-align:right;">\$ 1,268.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 42</td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c.</td> <td>Net mortgage/rental expense</td> <td style="text-align:right;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rental expense	\$ 1,268.00	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 42	\$	c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$ 1,268.00															
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21	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; adjustment. If you contend that the process set out in Lines 20A and 20B does not accurately compute the allowance to which you are entitled under the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards, enter any additional amount to which you contend you are entitled, and state the basis for your contention in the space below:</p>	\$									
22A	<p>Local Standards: transportation; vehicle operation/public transportation expense. You are entitled to an expense allowance in this category regardless of whether you pay the expenses of operating a vehicle and regardless of whether you use public transportation.</p> <p>Check the number of vehicles for which you pay the operating expenses or for which the operating expenses are included as a contribution to your household expenses in Line 8.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>If you checked 0, enter on Line 22A the "Public Transportation" amount from IRS Local Standards: Transportation. If you checked 1 or 2 or more, enter on Line 22A the "Operating Costs" amount from IRS Local Standards: Transportation for the applicable number of vehicles in the applicable Metropolitan Statistical Area or Census Region. (These amounts are available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$ 522.00									
22B	<p>Local Standards: transportation; additional public transportation expense. If you pay the operating expenses for a vehicle and also use public transportation, and you contend that you are entitled to an additional deduction for your public transportation expenses, enter on Line 22B the "Public Transportation" amount from IRS Local Standards: Transportation. (This amount is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$									
23	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 1. Check the number of vehicles for which you claim an ownership/lease expense. (You may not claim an ownership/lease expense for more than two vehicles.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the "Ownership Costs" for "One Car" from the IRS Local Standards: Transportation (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 23. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">\$ 489.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs	\$ 489.00	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42	\$	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$ 489.00
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24	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 2. Complete this Line only if you checked the "2 or more" Box in Line 23.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the "Ownership Costs" for "One Car" from the IRS Local Standards: Transportation (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 24. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">\$ 489.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$ 489.00	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42	\$	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$ 489.00
a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$ 489.00									
b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42	\$									
c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a									

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25	Other Necessary Expenses: taxes. Enter the total average monthly expense that you actually incur for all federal, state, and local taxes, other than real estate and sales taxes, such as income taxes, self employment taxes, social security taxes, and Medicare taxes. Do not include real estate or sales taxes.	\$ 2,058.33
26	Other Necessary Expenses: involuntary deductions for employment. Enter the total average monthly payroll deductions that are required for your employment, such as retirement contributions, union dues, and uniform costs. Do not include discretionary amounts, such as voluntary 401(k) contributions.	\$
27	Other Necessary Expenses: life insurance. Enter total average monthly premiums that you actually pay for term life insurance for yourself. Do not include premiums for insurance on your dependents, for whole life or for any other form of insurance.	\$
28	Other Necessary Expenses: court-ordered payments. Enter the total monthly amount that you are required to pay pursuant to the order of a court or administrative agency, such as spousal or child support payments. Do not include payments on past due obligations included in Line 44.	\$
29	Other Necessary Expenses: education for employment or for a physically or mentally challenged child. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually expend for education that is a condition of employment and for education that is required for a physically or mentally challenged dependent child for whom no public education providing similar services is available.	\$
30	Other Necessary Expenses: childcare. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually expend on childcare—such as baby-sitting, day care, nursery and preschool. Do not include other educational payments.	\$
31	Other Necessary Expenses: health care. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually expend on health care that is required for the health and welfare of yourself or your dependents, that is not reimbursed by insurance or paid by a health savings account, and that is in excess of the amount entered in Line 19B. Do not include payments for health insurance or health savings accounts listed in Line 34.	\$
32	Other Necessary Expenses: telecommunication services. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually pay for telecommunication services other than your basic home telephone and cell phone service— such as pagers, call waiting, caller id, special long distance, or internet service—to the extent necessary for your health and welfare or that of your dependents. Do not include any amount previously deducted.	\$
33	Total Expenses Allowed under IRS Standards. Enter the total of Lines 19 through 32.	\$ 6,367.33

Subpart B: Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b)
Note: Do not include any expenses that you have listed in Lines 19-32

34	Health Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Health Savings Account Expenses. List the monthly expenses in the categories set out in lines a-c below that are reasonably necessary for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents.		\$ 55.00	
	a.	Health Insurance		\$ 55.00
	b.	Disability Insurance		\$
	c.	Health Savings Account		\$
Total and enter on Line 34			\$ 55.00	
If you do not actually expend this total amount, state your actual total average monthly expenditures in the space below: \$ _____				
35	Continued contributions to the care of household or family members. Enter the total average actual monthly expenses that you will continue to pay for the reasonable and necessary care and support of an elderly, chronically ill, or disabled member of your household or member of your immediate family who is unable to pay for such expenses.	\$		
36	Protection against family violence. Enter the total average reasonably necessary monthly expenses that you actually incurred to maintain the safety of your family under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act or other applicable federal law. The nature of these expenses is required to be kept confidential by the court.	\$		

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37	Home energy costs. Enter the total average monthly amount, in excess of the allowance specified by IRS Local Standards for Housing and Utilities, that you actually expend for home energy costs. You must provide your case trustee with documentation of your actual expenses, and you must demonstrate that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.	\$
38	Education expenses for dependent children less than 18. Enter the total average monthly expenses that you actually incur, not to exceed \$137.50 per child, for attendance at a private or public elementary or secondary school by your dependent children less than 18 years of age. You must provide your case trustee with documentation of your actual expenses, and you must explain why the amount claimed is reasonable and necessary and not already accounted for in the IRS Standards.	\$
39	Additional food and clothing expense. Enter the total average monthly amount by which your food and clothing expenses exceed the combined allowances for food and clothing (apparel and services) in the IRS National Standards, not to exceed 5% of those combined allowances. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) You must demonstrate that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.	\$
40	Continued charitable contributions. Enter the amount that you will continue to contribute in the form of cash or financial instruments to a charitable organization as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 170(c)(1)-(2).	\$
41	Total Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b). Enter the total of Lines 34 through 40	\$ 55.00

Subpart C: Deductions for Debt Payment

42	<p>Future payments on secured claims. For each of your debts that is secured by an interest in property that you own, list the name of the creditor, identify the property securing the debt, state the Average Monthly Payment, and check whether the payment includes taxes or insurance. The Average Monthly Payment is the total of all amounts scheduled as contractually due to each Secured Creditor in the 60 months following the filing of the bankruptcy case, divided by 60. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page. Enter the total of the Average Monthly Payments on Line 42.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 30%;">Name of Creditor</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Property Securing the Debt</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Average Monthly Payment</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Does payment include taxes or insurance?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">a.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total: Add lines a, b and c.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt	Average Monthly Payment	Does payment include taxes or insurance?	a.			\$	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	b.			\$	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	c.			\$	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Total: Add lines a, b and c.					\$
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43	<p>Other payments on secured claims. If any of debts listed in Line 42 are secured by your primary residence, a motor vehicle, or other property necessary for your support or the support of your dependents, you may include in your deduction 1/60th of any amount (the "cure amount") that you must pay the creditor in addition to the payments listed in Line 42, in order to maintain possession of the property. The cure amount would include any sums in default that must be paid in order to avoid repossession or foreclosure. List and total any such amounts in the following chart. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 30%;">Name of Creditor</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Property Securing the Debt</th> <th style="width: 35%;">1/60th of the Cure Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">a.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total: Add lines a, b and c.</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt	1/60th of the Cure Amount	a.			\$	b.			\$	c.			\$	Total: Add lines a, b and c.				\$						
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44	<p>Payments on prepetition priority claims. Enter the total amount, divided by 60, of all priority claims, such as priority tax, child support and alimony claims, for which you were liable at the time of your bankruptcy filing. Do not include current obligations, such as those set out in Line 28.</p>			\$																										

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45	Chapter 13 administrative expenses. If you are eligible to file a case under chapter 13, complete the following chart, multiply the amount in line a by the amount in line b, and enter the resulting administrative expense.		
	a.	Projected average monthly chapter 13 plan payment.	\$ 244.34
	b.	Current multiplier for your district as determined under schedules issued by the Executive Office for United States Trustees. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	X 10.0%
	c.	Average monthly administrative expense of chapter 13 case	Total: Multiply Lines a and b
			\$ 24.43
46	Total Deductions for Debt Payment. Enter the total of Lines 42 through 45.		\$ 24.43
Subpart D: Total Deductions from Income			
47	Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2). Enter the total of Lines 33, 41, and 46.		\$ 6,446.76
Part VI. DETERMINATION OF § 707(b)(2) PRESUMPTION			
48	Enter the amount from Line 18 (Current monthly income for § 707(b)(2))		\$ 6,666.67
49	Enter the amount from Line 47 (Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2))		\$ 6,446.76
50	Monthly disposable income under § 707(b)(2). Subtract Line 49 from Line 48 and enter the result.		\$ 219.91
51	60-month disposable income under § 707(b)(2). Multiply the amount in Line 50 by the number 60 and enter the result.		\$ 13,194.60
52	<p>Initial presumption determination. Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is less than \$6,575. Check the box for “The presumption does not arise” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete the remainder of Part VI.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The amount set forth on Line 51 is more than \$10,950. Check the box for “The presumption arises” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. You may also complete Part VII. Do not complete the remainder of Part VI.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is at least \$6,575, but not more than \$10,950. Complete the remainder of Part VI (Lines 53 through 55).</p>		
53	Enter the amount of your total non-priority unsecured debt		\$
54	Threshold debt payment amount. Multiply the amount in Line 53 by the number 0.25 and enter the result.		\$
55	<p>Secondary presumption determination. Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is less than the amount on Line 54. Check the box for “The presumption does not arise” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is equal to or greater than the amount on Line 54. Check the box for “The presumption arises” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. You may also complete Part VII.</p>		

Part VII. ADDITIONAL EXPENSE CLAIMS

Other Expenses. List and describe any monthly expenses, not otherwise stated in this form, that are required for the health and welfare of you and your family and that you contend should be an additional deduction from your current monthly income under § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I). If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. All figures should reflect your average monthly expense for each item. Total the expenses.

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	Expense Description	Monthly Amount
a.		\$
b.		\$
c.		\$
Total: Add Lines a, b and c		\$

Part VIII. VERIFICATION

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this statement is true and correct. *(If this a joint case, both debtors must sign.)*

Date: June 19, 2008 Signature: /s/ Dummy Client _____
(Debtor)

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Joint Debtor, if any)

The “Means Test,” Part III – Secured Debt

Not to be outdone by the credit card industry, the mortgage and auto finance industries put in their “two cents” when Congress was writing the BAPCPA. Accordingly, NO MATTER WHAT the IRS standards say, whatever a Debtor is paying per month FOR ANY SECURED DEBT is an allowed adjustment to the Means Test. So, while a family of 2 in Riverside County is only allowed \$1,268 per month in *rent* and \$489 per month per car in car payments as an *assumed* allowance, if the family actually has car and *mortgage* payments, they will be allowed those payments *in any amount* as a reasonable expense.

Attached is an example of the same family of 2 shown before, but this time with two (2) \$700 per month car payments *and* a \$4,000 per month mortgage payment. **Notice the change in outcome – Chapter 7 is available to the family which “loads up” on secured debt, where it’s not to the family which merely rents and pays lower car payments.**

MEANS TEST FOR FAMILY
OF 2 EARNING \$80,000 PER
YEAR WHICH *OWNS THEIR*
HOME AND HAS HIGH CAR
PAYMENTS

In re: Client, Dummy _____
Debtor(s)

Case Number: _____
(If known)

According to the calculations required by this statement:
 The presumption arises
 The presumption does not arise
 (Check the box as directed in Parts I, III, and VI of this statement.)

**CHAPTER 7 STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME
 AND MEANS-TEST CALCULATION**

In addition to Schedules I and J, this statement must be completed by every individual chapter 7 debtor, whether or not filing jointly. Joint debtors may complete one statement only.

Part I. EXCLUSION FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND NON-CONSUMER DEBTORS

1A	If you are a disabled veteran described in the Veteran's Declaration in this Part I, (1) check the box at the beginning of the Veteran's Declaration, (2) check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of this statement, and (3) complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete any of the remaining parts of this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Declaration. By checking this box, I declare under penalty of perjury that I am a disabled veteran (as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 3741(1)) whose indebtedness occurred primarily during a period in which I was on active duty (as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101(d)(1)) or while I was performing a homeland defense activity (as defined in 32 U.S.C. §901(1)).
1B	If your debts are not primarily consumer debts, check the box below and complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete any of the remaining parts of this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of non-consumer debts. By checking this box, I declare that my debts are not primarily consumer debts.

Part II. CALCULATION OF MONTHLY INCOME FOR § 707(b)(7) EXCLUSION

2	Marital/filing status. Check the box that applies and complete the balance of this part of this statement as directed. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unmarried. Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 3-11. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, not filing jointly, with declaration of separate households. By checking this box, debtor declares under penalty of perjury: "My spouse and I are legally separated under applicable non-bankruptcy law or my spouse and I are living apart other than for the purpose of evading the requirements of § 707(b)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code." Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 3-11. c. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, not filing jointly, without the declaration of separate households set out in Line 2.b above. Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B (Spouse's Income) for Lines 3-11. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, filing jointly. Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B ("Spouse's Income") for Lines 3-11.														
	All figures must reflect average monthly income received from all sources, derived during the six calendar months prior to filing the bankruptcy case, ending on the last day of the month before the filing. If the amount of monthly income varied during the six months, you must divide the six-month total by six, and enter the result on the appropriate line.	Column A Debtor's Income	Column B Spouse's Income												
3	Gross wages, salary, tips, bonuses, overtime, commissions.	\$ 6,666.67	\$												
4	Income from the operation of a business, profession or farm. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference in the appropriate column(s) of Line 4. If you operate more than one business, profession or farm, enter aggregate numbers and provide details on an attachment. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the business expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part V. <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width:55%;">Gross receipts</td> <td style="width:15%;">\$</td> <td style="width:25%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Ordinary and necessary business expenses</td> <td>\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Business income</td> <td>Subtract Line b from Line a</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			a.	Gross receipts	\$		b.	Ordinary and necessary business expenses	\$		c.	Business income	Subtract Line b from Line a	
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5	<p>Rent and other real property income. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference in the appropriate column(s) of Line 5. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the operating expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part V.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a.</td> <td style="width:65%;">Gross receipts</td> <td style="width:30%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td>Ordinary and necessary operating expenses</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c.</td> <td>Rent and other real property income</td> <td>Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	Gross receipts	\$	b.	Ordinary and necessary operating expenses	\$	c.	Rent and other real property income	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$	\$
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6	Interest, dividends, and royalties.	\$	\$									
7	Pension and retirement income.	\$	\$									
8	Any amounts paid by another person or entity, on a regular basis, for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents, including child support paid for that purpose. Do not include alimony or separate maintenance payments or amounts paid by your spouse if Column B is completed.	\$	\$									
9	<p>Unemployment compensation. Enter the amount in the appropriate column(s) of Line 9. However, if you contend that unemployment compensation received by you or your spouse was a benefit under the Social Security Act, do not list the amount of such compensation in Column A or B, but instead state the amount in the space below:</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:35%;">Unemployment compensation claimed to be a benefit under the Social Security Act</td> <td style="width:30%;">Debtor \$ _____</td> <td style="width:35%;">Spouse \$ _____</td> </tr> </table>	Unemployment compensation claimed to be a benefit under the Social Security Act	Debtor \$ _____	Spouse \$ _____	\$	\$						
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10	<p>Income from all other sources. Specify source and amount. If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. Do not include alimony or separate maintenance payments paid by your spouse if Column B is completed, but include all other payments of alimony or separate maintenance. Do not include any benefits received under the Social Security Act or payments received as a victim of a war crime, crime against humanity, or as a victim of international or domestic terrorism.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a.</td> <td style="width:65%;"></td> <td style="width:30%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table> <p>Total and enter on Line 10</p>	a.		\$	b.		\$	\$	\$			
a.		\$										
b.		\$										
11	Subtotal of Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). Add Lines 3 thru 10 in Column A, and, if Column B is completed, add Lines 3 through 10 in Column B. Enter the total(s).	\$ 6,666.67	\$									
12	Total Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). If Column B has been completed, add Line 11, Column A to Line 11, Column B, and enter the total. If Column B has not been completed, enter the amount from Line 11, Column A.	\$	6,666.67									
Part III. APPLICATION OF § 707(B)(7) EXCLUSION												
13	Annualized Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). Multiply the amount from Line 12 by the number 12 and enter the result.	\$	80,000.04									
14	<p>Applicable median family income. Enter the median family income for the applicable state and household size. (This information is available by family size at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p> <p>a. Enter debtor's state of residence: California b. Enter debtor's household size: 2</p>	\$	61,742.00									
15	<p>Application of Section 707(b)(7). Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 13 is less than or equal to the amount on Line 14. Check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete Part VIII; do not complete Parts IV, V, VI, or VII.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 13 is more than the amount on Line 14. Complete the remaining parts of this statement.</p>											

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Complete Parts IV, V, VI, and VII of this statement only if required. (See Line 15.)

Part IV. CALCULATION OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME FOR § 707(b)(2)

16	Enter the amount from Line 12.	\$ 6,666.67									
17	<p>Marital adjustment. If you checked the box at Line 2.c, enter on Line 17 the total of any income listed in Line 11, Column B that was NOT paid on a regular basis for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents. Specify in the lines below the basis for excluding the Column B income (such as payment of the spouse's tax liability or the spouse's support of persons other than the debtor or the debtor's dependents) and the amount of income devoted to each purpose. If necessary, list additional adjustments on a separate page. If you did not check box at Line 2.c, enter zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">a.</td> <td style="width: 70%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> </table>	a.		\$	b.		\$	c.		\$	\$
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b.		\$									
c.		\$									
18	Current monthly income for § 707(b)(2). Subtract Line 17 from Line 16 and enter the result.	\$ 6,666.67									

Part V. CALCULATION OF DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME

Subpart A: Deductions under Standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

19A	<p>National Standards: food, clothing and other items. Enter in Line 19A the "Total" amount from IRS National Standards for Food, Clothing and Other Items for the applicable household size. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$ 961.00																								
19B	<p>National Standards: health care. Enter in Line a1 below the amount from IRS National Standards for Out-of-Pocket Health Care for persons under 65 years of age, and in Line a2 the IRS National Standards for Out-of-Pocket Health Care for persons 65 years of age or older. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) Enter in Line b1 the number of members of your household who are under 65 years of age, and enter in Line b2 the number of members of your household who are 65 years of age or older. (The total number of household members must be the same as the number stated in Line 14b.) Multiply Line a1 by Line b1 to obtain a total amount for household members under 65, and enter the result in Line c1. Multiply Line a2 by Line b2 to obtain a total amount for household members 65 and older, and enter the result in Line c2. Add Lines c1 and c2 to obtain a total health care amount, and enter the result in Line 19B.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Household members under 65 years of age</th> <th colspan="3">Household members 65 years of age or older</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">a1.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">Allowance per member</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">57.00</td> <td style="width: 5%;">a2.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">Allowance per member</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b1.</td> <td>Number of members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> <td>b2.</td> <td>Number of members</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c1.</td> <td>Subtotal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">114.00</td> <td>c2.</td> <td>Subtotal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Household members under 65 years of age			Household members 65 years of age or older			a1.	Allowance per member	57.00	a2.	Allowance per member	144.00	b1.	Number of members	2	b2.	Number of members	0	c1.	Subtotal	114.00	c2.	Subtotal	0.00	\$ 114.00
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20A	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; non-mortgage expenses. Enter the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; non-mortgage expenses for the applicable county and household size. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court).</p>	\$ 466.00																								
20B	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; mortgage/rent expense. Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent expense for your county and family size (this information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter on Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by your home, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 20B. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rental expense</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">\$ 1,268.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 42</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c.</td> <td>Net mortgage/rental expense</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rental expense	\$ 1,268.00	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 42	\$ 4,000.00	c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$															
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21	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; adjustment. If you contend that the process set out in Lines 20A and 20B does not accurately compute the allowance to which you are entitled under the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards, enter any additional amount to which you contend you are entitled, and state the basis for your contention in the space below:</p>	\$												
22A	<p>Local Standards: transportation; vehicle operation/public transportation expense. You are entitled to an expense allowance in this category regardless of whether you pay the expenses of operating a vehicle and regardless of whether you use public transportation.</p> <p>Check the number of vehicles for which you pay the operating expenses or for which the operating expenses are included as a contribution to your household expenses in Line 8.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>If you checked 0, enter on Line 22A the "Public Transportation" amount from IRS Local Standards: Transportation. If you checked 1 or 2 or more, enter on Line 22A the "Operating Costs" amount from IRS Local Standards: Transportation for the applicable number of vehicles in the applicable Metropolitan Statistical Area or Census Region. (These amounts are available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$ 522.00												
22B	<p>Local Standards: transportation; additional public transportation expense. If you pay the operating expenses for a vehicle and also use public transportation, and you contend that you are entitled to an additional deduction for your public transportation expenses, enter on Line 22B the "Public Transportation" amount from IRS Local Standards: Transportation. (This amount is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$												
23	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 1. Check the number of vehicles for which you claim an ownership/lease expense. (You may not claim an ownership/lease expense for more than two vehicles.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the "Ownership Costs" for "One Car" from the IRS Local Standards: Transportation (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 23. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">\$</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">489.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: right;">700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs	\$	489.00	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42	\$	700.00	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1		Subtract Line b from Line a	\$
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24	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 2. Complete this Line only if you checked the "2 or more" Box in Line 23.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the "Ownership Costs" for "One Car" from the IRS Local Standards: Transportation (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 24. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">\$</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">489.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: right;">700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$	489.00	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42	\$	700.00	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2		Subtract Line b from Line a	\$
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25	Other Necessary Expenses: taxes. Enter the total average monthly expense that you actually incur for all federal, state, and local taxes, other than real estate and sales taxes, such as income taxes, self employment taxes, social security taxes, and Medicare taxes. Do not include real estate or sales taxes.	\$ 2,058.33
26	Other Necessary Expenses: involuntary deductions for employment. Enter the total average monthly payroll deductions that are required for your employment, such as retirement contributions, union dues, and uniform costs. Do not include discretionary amounts, such as voluntary 401(k) contributions.	\$
27	Other Necessary Expenses: life insurance. Enter total average monthly premiums that you actually pay for term life insurance for yourself. Do not include premiums for insurance on your dependents, for whole life or for any other form of insurance.	\$
28	Other Necessary Expenses: court-ordered payments. Enter the total monthly amount that you are required to pay pursuant to the order of a court or administrative agency, such as spousal or child support payments. Do not include payments on past due obligations included in Line 44.	\$
29	Other Necessary Expenses: education for employment or for a physically or mentally challenged child. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually expend for education that is a condition of employment and for education that is required for a physically or mentally challenged dependent child for whom no public education providing similar services is available.	\$
30	Other Necessary Expenses: childcare. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually expend on childcare—such as baby-sitting, day care, nursery and preschool. Do not include other educational payments.	\$
31	Other Necessary Expenses: health care. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually expend on health care that is required for the health and welfare of yourself or your dependents, that is not reimbursed by insurance or paid by a health savings account, and that is in excess of the amount entered in Line 19B. Do not include payments for health insurance or health savings accounts listed in Line 34.	\$
32	Other Necessary Expenses: telecommunication services. Enter the total average monthly amount that you actually pay for telecommunication services other than your basic home telephone and cell phone service— such as pagers, call waiting, caller id, special long distance, or internet service—to the extent necessary for your health and welfare or that of your dependents. Do not include any amount previously deducted.	\$
33	Total Expenses Allowed under IRS Standards. Enter the total of Lines 19 through 32.	\$ 4,121.33

Subpart B: Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b)
Note: Do not include any expenses that you have listed in Lines 19-32

34	Health Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Health Savings Account Expenses. List the monthly expenses in the categories set out in lines a-c below that are reasonably necessary for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents.		\$ 55.00	
	a.	Health Insurance		\$ 55.00
	b.	Disability Insurance		\$
	c.	Health Savings Account		\$
Total and enter on Line 34			\$ 55.00	
If you do not actually expend this total amount, state your actual total average monthly expenditures in the space below: \$ _____				
35	Continued contributions to the care of household or family members. Enter the total average actual monthly expenses that you will continue to pay for the reasonable and necessary care and support of an elderly, chronically ill, or disabled member of your household or member of your immediate family who is unable to pay for such expenses.	\$		
36	Protection against family violence. Enter the total average reasonably necessary monthly expenses that you actually incurred to maintain the safety of your family under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act or other applicable federal law. The nature of these expenses is required to be kept confidential by the court.	\$		

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37	<p>Home energy costs. Enter the total average monthly amount, in excess of the allowance specified by IRS Local Standards for Housing and Utilities, that you actually expend for home energy costs. You must provide your case trustee with documentation of your actual expenses, and you must demonstrate that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.</p>	\$																									
38	<p>Education expenses for dependent children less than 18. Enter the total average monthly expenses that you actually incur, not to exceed \$137.50 per child, for attendance at a private or public elementary or secondary school by your dependent children less than 18 years of age. You must provide your case trustee with documentation of your actual expenses, and you must explain why the amount claimed is reasonable and necessary and not already accounted for in the IRS Standards.</p>	\$																									
39	<p>Additional food and clothing expense. Enter the total average monthly amount by which your food and clothing expenses exceed the combined allowances for food and clothing (apparel and services) in the IRS National Standards, not to exceed 5% of those combined allowances. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) You must demonstrate that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.</p>	\$																									
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42	<p>Future payments on secured claims. For each of your debts that is secured by an interest in property that you own, list the name of the creditor, identify the property securing the debt, state the Average Monthly Payment, and check whether the payment includes taxes or insurance. The Average Monthly Payment is the total of all amounts scheduled as contractually due to each Secured Creditor in the 60 months following the filing of the bankruptcy case, divided by 60. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page. Enter the total of the Average Monthly Payments on Line 42.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:5%;"></th> <th style="width:30%;">Name of Creditor</th> <th style="width:30%;">Property Securing the Debt</th> <th style="width:15%;">Average Monthly Payment</th> <th style="width:20%;">Does payment include taxes or insurance?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">a.</td> <td>Home Mortgage</td> <td>Residence</td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$ 4,000.00</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td>Car Loan #1</td> <td>Automobile (1)</td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$ 700.00</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c.</td> <td>Car Loan #2</td> <td>Automobile (2)</td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$ 700.00</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align:right;">Total: Add lines a, b and c.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt	Average Monthly Payment	Does payment include taxes or insurance?	a.	Home Mortgage	Residence	\$ 4,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	b.	Car Loan #1	Automobile (1)	\$ 700.00	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	c.	Car Loan #2	Automobile (2)	\$ 700.00	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	Total: Add lines a, b and c.					\$ 5,400.00
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44	<p>Payments on prepetition priority claims. Enter the total amount, divided by 60, of all priority claims, such as priority tax, child support and alimony claims, for which you were liable at the time of your bankruptcy filing. Do not include current obligations, such as those set out in Line 28.</p>	\$																									

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45	Chapter 13 administrative expenses. If you are eligible to file a case under chapter 13, complete the following chart, multiply the amount in line a by the amount in line b, and enter the resulting administrative expense.			
	a.	Projected average monthly chapter 13 plan payment.		\$
	b.	Current multiplier for your district as determined under schedules issued by the Executive Office for United States Trustees. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)		X
	c.	Average monthly administrative expense of chapter 13 case	Total: Multiply Lines a and b	\$
46	Total Deductions for Debt Payment. Enter the total of Lines 42 through 45.		\$ 5,400.00	
Subpart D: Total Deductions from Income				
47	Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2). Enter the total of Lines 33, 41, and 46.		\$ 9,576.33	
Part VI. DETERMINATION OF § 707(b)(2) PRESUMPTION				
48	Enter the amount from Line 18 (Current monthly income for § 707(b)(2))		\$ 6,666.67	
49	Enter the amount from Line 47 (Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2))		\$ 9,576.33	
50	Monthly disposable income under § 707(b)(2). Subtract Line 49 from Line 48 and enter the result.		\$ 0.00	
51	60-month disposable income under § 707(b)(2). Multiply the amount in Line 50 by the number 60 and enter the result.		\$ 0.00	
52	<p>Initial presumption determination. Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is less than \$6,575. Check the box for “The presumption does not arise” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete the remainder of Part VI.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount set forth on Line 51 is more than \$10,950. Check the box for “The presumption arises” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. You may also complete Part VII. Do not complete the remainder of Part VI.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is at least \$6,575, but not more than \$10,950. Complete the remainder of Part VI (Lines 53 through 55).</p>			
53	Enter the amount of your total non-priority unsecured debt		\$	
54	Threshold debt payment amount. Multiply the amount in Line 53 by the number 0.25 and enter the result.		\$	
55	<p>Secondary presumption determination. Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is less than the amount on Line 54. Check the box for “The presumption does not arise” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 51 is equal to or greater than the amount on Line 54. Check the box for “The presumption arises” at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. You may also complete Part VII.</p>			

Part VII. ADDITIONAL EXPENSE CLAIMS

Other Expenses. List and describe any monthly expenses, not otherwise stated in this form, that are required for the health and welfare of you and your family and that you contend should be an additional deduction from your current monthly income under § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I). If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. All figures should reflect your average monthly expense for each item. Total the expenses.

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	Expense Description	Monthly Amount
a.		\$
b.		\$
c.		\$
Total: Add Lines a, b and c		\$

Part VIII. VERIFICATION

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this statement is true and correct. *(If this a joint case, both debtors must sign.)*

Date: June 19, 2008 Signature: /s/ Dummy Client (Debtor)

Date: _____ Signature: _____ (Joint Debtor, if any)

Conclusion

The moral of the story? Bankruptcy *still exists* under the law passed in 2005. It has simply changed from a system under which “abuse of the Bankruptcy Laws” by high earning Debtors was evaluated on a case-by-case basis to one in which a somewhat rigid set of mathematical calculations is applied. The ironic outcome, though, is that the Bankruptcy Laws actually favor those who spend high amounts (more than they can afford?) for housing and car ownership. BAPCPA, then – which was intended to make high-earning Debtors “responsible” by having them pay as much of their debt as possible in Chapter 13 rather than getting a “walk” in Chapter 7 – rewards those who live beyond their means.

ABOUT YOUR SPEAKER

Since 1985, Arnie Wuhrman has been on the front lines of the battle for financial security for his clients. After receiving a B.S. in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis, and a J.D. (law degree) from the University of California at Los Angeles, Arnie embarked upon a career in financially related legal services. Arnie's experience includes representing hundreds of taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service and various State taxing agencies, as well as conducting dozens of lawsuits in numerous courts around the country, and handling thousands of bankruptcy cases – from small consumer cases to reorganizations of companies worth tens of millions of dollars.

Arnie's success as a debt resolution attorney directly results from his deep concern for his clients' rights and needs, and his unwavering commitment to be fully knowledgeable in the areas in which he practices. Arnie's clients rave about his handling of their financial needs. In addition, Arnie has been honored with the prestigious "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the national lawyer rating service. The AV rating, according to Martindale-Hubbell, "identifies a lawyer with very high to preeminent legal ability and integrity." Arnie is eager to help you resolve your debt problem TODAY! To reach him, call Toll-Free 866-822-1961, for a free, no obligation consultation. Arnie's looking forward to helping you!