

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Central District of California
Los Angeles
Sheri Bluebond, Presiding
Courtroom 1539 Calendar**

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Hearing Room 1539

10:00 AM

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Docket 0

Courtroom Deputy:

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Tentative Ruling:

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2:26-10742 Demetria La Chawn Avery

Chapter 7

#1.00 Motion for fine and/or disgorgement of fees against bankruptcy petition preparer
Donna Todd

Docket 28

Courtroom Deputy:

- NONE LISTED -

Tentative Ruling:

The US Trustee's reply explains the situation nicely. There is no "emergency" exception to the requirements of section 110. There is no longer any "just cause" exception. The respondent failed to sign her name on the petition and provide her name and address. Respondent did not disclose her identifying number/SSN on the petition. She did not sign and file along with the petition a written notice on an official form advising the debtor that she is not an attorney and cannot provide legal advice. (Whether the filing window accepted the filing -- and they are required by statute to do so -- is not relevant to whether there was a violation of section 110.) And she handled the filing fee. These are all violations of section 110. Impose fines of \$500 each for these violations, for a total of \$2,500.

With regard to the compensation paid by the debtor, the Court agrees that the amount was excessive. If the \$1,248 included the filing fee (which the respondent should not have handled), reduce that amount by \$338, but the balance should be disgorged. The services provided were substandard and extremely limited and, inasmuch as a petition preparer is prohibited from handling the filing fee, she cannot charge for messenger services in which she did precisely that or for the gasoline that she used while violating section 110.

Impose fines of \$2,500 and order disgorgement to the debtor of \$910.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Demetria La Chawn Avery

Pro Se

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Movant(s):

United States Trustee (LA)

Represented By
Ron Maroko

Trustee(s):

Wesley H Avery (TR)

Pro Se