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Notice to Practitioners

AMERICAN EXPRESS, DISCOVER, AND DINERS CLUB CARDS NOW ACCEPTED

The court is pleased to announce it is now authorized to accept American Express, Discover, and Diners Club cards for payments in addition to Visa and MasterCard.

If you are not currently using credit cards to pay fees due the court, please consider the advantages of using credit cards.

Credit card payment of fees is *more flexible* because there are four ways to use your credit card:

- (1) You may present the card at the counter, or
- (2) You may provide written authorization with a specific filing, providing card type, account number, expiration date, etc., or
- (3) (a) You may provide telephonic authorization with regard to a specific payment, providing the necessary information, or
(b) Telephonically confirm the authority of a representative of your office to make a charge with regard to a specific payment, or, finally,
- (4) You may provide written authorization for the blanket use of the credit card by persons you authorize. Such authorizations are kept under lock and key in the clerk's office.

If credit card payment is less costly for the court, perhaps it is *less costly for you* as well. Could credit card payments eliminate bank charges and make it easier to track your charges for filing fees? When you provide written authorization for blanket use of your credit card, you also are able to electronically file documents requiring fees. (*O b t a i n b l a n k e t a u t h o r i z a t i o n f o r m a t* <http://www.nmcourt.fed.us/bkdocs/filefees.htm>) Attorneys who file electronically confirm that electronic filing is less costly than paper filing. Remember, too, that use of a credit card is required for electronic filing.

If you have questions about the use of credit cards for court fees or suggestions for how we might make credit card use easier for you, please call Debbie J. Siner at 505-348-2435.

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