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DATE: March 20, 2017
TO: Attorneys practicing in the Canton Divisional Office
FROM: Judge Kendig
RE: Interest rate on secured claims

This court previously adopted the prime-plus interest rate promoted by the plurality in Till v. SCS Credit Corp., 541 U.S. 465 (2004). In re Blanton, 2010 WL 4503188 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 2010) (unpublished); In re Dimery, 2011 WL 2470057 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 2011) (unpublished). Under this formula, secured claims are entitled to interest at the national prime interest rate published in the Wall Street Journal or the federal funds rate plus 300 basis points, plus an additional 2.00% as a risk factor. For several years, this resulted in a 5.25% interest rate (3.25% prime rate plus 2.00% risk factor). The prime rate increased to 3.75% in December 2016. Consequently, secured claims are paid at 5.75% effective for cases filed on or after January 1, 2017. The prime rate currently is 4.00%. Consequently, secured claims are paid at 6.00% effective for cases filed on or after April 1, 2017.

The following chart may be of some assistance.

Case Filing Date	Secured Interest Rate
Up to December 31, 2016	5.25%
January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017	5.75%
After April 1, 2017	6.00%

You are always free to request a hearing and contest the rate as too high or too low. This is the rate that I will sign by default.