

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

In re: TERMINATION OF WAGE ORDERS : MISC. NO. 22-03003
AT CONCLUSION OF CHAPTER 13 CASE :
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**AMENDED STANDING ORDER PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION WAGE
ATTACHMENTS UPON COMPLETION OF PAYMENTS IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

WHEREAS, many Chapter 13 debtors fund their plans by using court ordered wage attachments directing the debtors' employers to pay plan payments to the Chapter 13 Trustee;

WHEREAS, these wage attachments continue until they are terminated by a subsequent order;

WHEREAS, some attorneys fail to timely move to terminate the wage attachments upon plan completion;

WHEREAS, this failure to terminate wage attachments upon plan completion imposes an unnecessary hardship to the debtors and is a burden to the Chapter 13 Trustees who then must deposit those funds, hold those funds for a period of time, and then subsequently refund the funds to the debtors;

WHEREAS, the failure to terminate wage attachments promptly causes unnecessary delay in administration of the cases;

WHEREAS, both of the Standing Chapter 13 Trustees have requested that the Court assist in remedying this administrative problem.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. In all chapter 13 cases, any wage order previously entered is **TERMINATED** effective upon the filing of the Chapter 13 Trustee's Notice, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 4004-3, advising of the completion of plan payments ("the Rule 4004-3(a) Notice").

2. Promptly upon the filing of the Rule 4004-3 Notice, the Clerk shall docket a Notice of Termination of Wage Order, which shall include the following additional language:

“Pursuant to the Amended Standing Order of this Court, Misc. No. 22-03003, any wage order entered in this case has been TERMINATED and the employer shall cease wage withholding EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of notice of the termination of the wage order.”

3. After receipt of the Notice of Termination of Wage Order, the Debtor’s counsel shall serve it upon the Debtor’s employer **FORTHWITH** and shall file a Certification of Service thereafter.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Magdeline D. Coleman" followed by a horizontal line.

**MAGDELINE D. COLEMAN
CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

DATE: 04/08/2022