

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

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF LOCAL RULE 5005-7(b) : MISC. NO. 20-3006
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O R D E R

This Order is issued in response to the current national emergency created by the coronavirus ("COVID-19"). In addition to the emergency procedures and policies implemented in the prior Miscellaneous Orders of the Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. For all documents that require an original signature under Local Rule 5005-7(b) or otherwise, the Court hereby **SUSPENDS** any requirement that a filer, including a Filing User (a "Filer"), secure the signor's original signature prior to filing or electronically filing such documents **CONDITIONED** on the following: the Filer has

- a. verified with the signor that the signor has received the entire document(s) to be signed;
- b. communicated with the signor regarding the substance and purpose of the signed document(s);
- c. obtained the signor's digital signature via any commercially available digital signature software that provides signature authentication and (subsequent to the filing) maintains a copy of the digitally signed document(s) in the case file; or obtained express written permission (including by electronic mail) from the signor to affix the signor's signature to the document(s), and will maintain a copy of the e-mail in the file; or
- d. obtained in his or her possession at the time of filing an image format or other facsimile of the entire signed document(s), including the signature page(s) received electronically (including by electronic mail or facsimile) from the signor, and will maintain a hard copy thereof in the file.

2. The filing of the document(s) with an electronic signature constitutes a certification by the Filer under Bankruptcy Rule 9011, the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct

and this Order that the Filer either has obtained the signor's original signature or has complied with paragraph 1 of this Order.

3. On written request (including electronic transmission) by any party in interest, the Filer shall promptly provide evidence to the requesting party of compliance with the terms of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Court.

Date: 03/20/20



MAGDELINE D. COLEMAN
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE