

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
STANDING ORDER 20-2**

**ORDER MODIFYING D. KAN. LBR 9011.4(b)
AND D. KAN. RULE 5.1(b) IN BANKRUPTCY CASES**

Effectively immediately and until further Court Order, in light of developing issues with the COVID-19 virus and the national and state declarations of emergency by the President of the United States and the Governor of Kansas, as well as guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and local health officials regarding social distancing, the Court temporarily MODIFIES the requirements of D. Kan. LBR 9011.4(b) and SUSPENDS attorney's compliance with D. Kan. Rule 5.1(b) as follows:

Petitions, lists, schedules, statements, amendments, pleadings, affidavits, and other documents which must contain original wet ink signatures or which require verification under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1008, or an unsworn declaration as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 1746, may contain, in lieu of the original wet ink signature, the signature forms described herein:

1. A copy, or digitally scanned image, of the original document containing a wet ink signature; or
2. An image with a signature captured electronically at the time of document creation, or signatures created and verified by use of special software programs for electronic signatures, such as DocuSign or Sign Easy.

An attorney's electronic filing of such a document with the signature form described above will constitute a certification by the debtor's attorney that (1) the attorney transmitted the entire document to the debtor(s) for review and signature, communicated with the debtor regarding the substance and purpose of the document, and received express authorization from the debtor(s) to file the document; and (2) the debtor(s) signed the document and that, at the time of electronic filing, the debtor's attorney is in possession of an image format, facsimile, or software-assisted signature of the document from the debtor(s).

This Standing Order 20-2 applies only in bankruptcy cases filed in this District, and only for documents electronically filed by attorneys after the effective date of this Standing Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020.

s/Dale L. Somers
DALE L. SOMERS
Chief Judge

s/Robert E. Nugent III
ROBERT E. NUGENT III
Judge

s/Robert D. Berger
ROBERT D. BERGER
Judge

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