

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

In re:)	
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ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ON)	
BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS)	Misc. Proc. #20-209
AND SCHEDULES)	

STANDING ORDER

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the "Court") has determined that it is in the interest of the public and members of the bar to temporarily modify the requirement that counsel obtain a debtor's original, physical signature on any document before the document is filed with the Court.

AND NOW THEREFORE, this ***14th*** day of ***April, 2020***, it is hereby ***ORDERED*** that:

1. The debtor's original, physical signature requirement may be satisfied in any of the following ways:
 - a. Counsel secures and maintains the debtor's original, physical signature before filing the document, as presently required, or
 - b. Counsel secures the debtor's digital signature via any commercially available digital signature software and maintains a copy of the digitally signed document in the case file, or
 - c. Counsel obtains express written permission (including via text message or electronic mail) from the debtor to affix the debtor's /S/ signature to the document and maintains a copy thereof in the case file, or
 - d. Counsel obtains an image of the specified signature page showing debtor's original signature thereon via email, text message, or facsimile transmission and maintains a copy of the image and its transmission media in the case file.
2. Filing under any of the above methods constitutes counsel's certification to the Court that the debtor was given an opportunity to review the entire document before signing it, counsel has received the express authorization from the debtor to file the complete document with the Court, and counsel believes in good faith that the signature method adopted establishes the identity of the debtor.
3. Counsel shall retain all original documents pursuant to W.PA.LBR 5005-15.

4. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

 /s/ Carlota M. Böhm
CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT