

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS**

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE OUTBREAK
OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19):
CERTIFICATION OF VACCINATION STATUS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas has continued to closely monitor the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), as well as the developing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local health authorities. Notwithstanding a well-established COVID-19 vaccination effort, many adult Americans eligible for vaccination remain unvaccinated, and the COVID-19 Delta variant has caused a dramatic spike in COVID-19 cases across the United States and Arkansas. The risk posed by the spread of the Delta variant supports the review of our current safety protocols.

On July 29, 2021, President Biden announced that all qualifying federal employees, as well as federal contractors, are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or be subject to certain health and safety requirements. On September 9, 2021, President Biden issued executive orders regarding vaccination requirements for all qualifying federal employees and federal contractors. This Court is reviewing the President's policy and anticipates receiving further guidance. The safety of Court employees, judges, contractors, litigants, counsel, and members of the public that enter the courthouse is a critical priority. As part of the review process, the court is examining the need for additional safety protocols.

In order to complete the review and address any additional safety protocols, all Court employees, including all chambers staff, are expected to complete a vaccination certification form. In addition, all on-site federal contractors entering the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 300 W. 2nd Street,

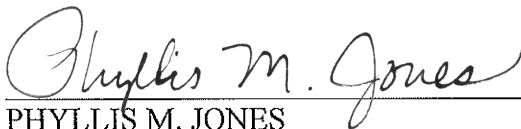
Little Rock, Arkansas are required to complete a vaccination certification form. The form is attached to this order and should be completed no later than Monday, October 4, 2021. Chambers staff should return their certification form directly to their appointing Judge. The court is inquiring about vaccination status for purposes of COVID-19 planning and implementing additional safety protocols. Vaccination certification forms will be protected and maintained in a way that ensures they remain confidential:

During the review period, the Administrative Order requiring the use of masks or face coverings dated May 21, 2021 remains in effect.

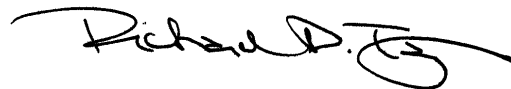
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2021

FOR THE COURT



PHYLLIS M. JONES
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



RICHARD D. TAYLOR
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



BIANCA M. RUCKER
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**United States Bankruptcy Court - Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas
COVID-19 Vaccination Status Certification**

Please complete and sign this self-attestation concerning your COVID-19 vaccination status. You do not need to provide any medical information on this form, nor any explanation concerning your decision to receive or not to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. For purposes of this form, being "fully vaccinated" means that two weeks have passed after receiving the second dose of a two-dose vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) or after receiving the single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson). Once completed, this form must be returned to Linda McCormack, Clerk of Court (**chambers staff should return this form to their appointing judge**).

Name: _____

Classification: Clerk's Office Chambers Contractor

Please choose one of the following options:

- 1. I am fully vaccinated.
- 2. I received my second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or my single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine less than two weeks ago.
- 3. I received my first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, and my second appointment has been scheduled on _____.
- 4. I have not yet been vaccinated, but I have scheduled an appointment to receive my first dose of vaccine on _____.
- 5. I have not been vaccinated.
- 6. I decline to disclose my vaccination status. (Please note that if you decline to disclose your vaccination status you will be treated as not fully vaccinated.)
- 7. I have not been vaccinated and believe I am entitled to an exemption due to medical or religious reasons.

I understand that I am required to provide accurate information on this form. I hereby certify that I have accurately and truthfully answered the above question. I also understand that if I stated that I am fully or partially vaccinated, the Court may request documentation of my vaccination status (e.g., a copy of my vaccine card or other similar official document confirming vaccination status).

Signature

Date