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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas hereby SUSPENDS the requirement that attorneys obtain original signatures from debtors before filing documents electronically, provided that the attorney: (1) transmits the entire document to the debtor for review; (2) communicates with the debtor regarding the substance and purpose of the document; and (3) receives the debtor's express authorization to file the document with the debtor's electronic signature affixed to the document.

The filing of the document will constitute a certification and verification by the attorney that the debtor received and reviewed the entire document to be signed and that the above-stated conditions were met before the document was filed. This order shall remain in effect until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Honorable Ben T. Barry

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Honorable Richard D. Taylor United States Bankruptcy Judge

Honorable Phyllis M. Jones

United States Bankruptcy Judge