

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF
ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

On March 13, 2020, the President issued the “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak.” The national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, has been extended several times due to the severity and magnitude of the pandemic.

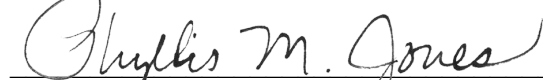
On April 3, 2020, in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued risk to the public health, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas suspended the requirement that attorneys obtain original signatures from debtors before filing documents electronically, provided that the attorney: (1) transmit the entire document to the debtor for review; (2) communicate with the debtor regarding the substance and purpose of the document; and (3) receive the debtor’s express authorization to file the document with the debtor’s electronic signature affixed to the document.

The court’s Administrative Order of April 3, 2020, stated the suspension shall remain in effect until further notice. The court hereby orders that the suspension of the original signature requirements shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days following the termination of the national emergency.

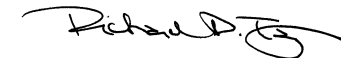
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2023.

FOR THE COURT



HONORABLE PHYLLIS M. JONES
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



HONORABLE RICHARD D. TAYLOR
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



Date: 02/07/2023

HONORABLE BIANCA M. RUCKER
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE