

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE:)	
)	
TEMPORARY WAIVER OF)	GENERAL ORDER 20-0002
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT ON)	
DEBTOR'S DOCUMENTS)	
)	

ORDER

The Court's ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures, which have the same effect as a local rule pursuant to Local Rule B-5005-4, provide that an attorney may use the accepted e-signature format for a debtor client on a document filed with the Court if the attorney possesses the original document with the debtor's wet signature.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic and recommended curtailment of travel, until further notice, the Court now ORDERS as follows:

1. The requirement that counsel have the original document with the debtor's wet signature before filing is waived until this General Order is rescinded.
2. Counsel for the debtor is required to establish practices that will ensure receipt before filing of an equivalent to the debtor's wet signature which the attorney believes in good faith establishes the identity of the debtor and confirms that the debtor has reviewed and authorizes the filing of the documents required to be signed.
3. Counsel for the debtor shall obtain the debtor's original wet signature as soon as practicable but no later than the date prior to the meeting of creditors pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §341. Counsel shall retain the document with that signature as required by the Court's ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures.
4. Counsel for the debtor shall be prepared to describe the steps taken to ensure that paragraph 2 above is satisfied, and to provide supporting documentation to prove compliance, if requested by the Court, the United States Trustee, any case trustee, or a party in the case.

Date: March 18, 2020



ROBYN L. MOBERLY
CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE