## UNTED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

## AMENDED STANDING ORDER 2020-02

## AMENDED ORDER TEMPORARILY MODIFYING MASSACHUSETTS LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE APPENDIX 8, RULE 7

Upon consideration of health advisories issued relating to the COVID-19 virus and in recognition of safe social distancing practices related thereto, notwithstanding the requirements of MLBR Appendix 8, Rule 7, Statements Under Oath; Retention Requirements, the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts will temporarily permit documents to be executed and filed with an "/s/" or imaged signature prior to receipt by the Registered User of the paper form of the electronically filed document with a "wet signature" where authorized by the non-Registered User. In all cases, the Registered User must promptly file a motion to withdraw any such document if the Registered User does not receive the paper form of the electronically filed with an "wet signature" within 30 days of filing the document. Where a document has not been filed with an imaged signature, the electronically filed document shall be supplemented with an imaged signature within 30 days of the filing of the document.

Except to the extent expressly modified by this Amended Standing Order, all other requirements of MLBR Appendix 8, Rule 7, shall remain in full force and effect, including without limitation the retention requirements of MLBR Appendix 8, Rule 7(b) and the requirement of the filing of a Declaration Re: Electronic Filing in the form of Local Form 7. This Amended Standing Order is effective immediately and is applicable to all cases and proceedings pending as of this date or filed after this date, pending further order abrogating this Amended Standing Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:** 

Chief Judge Christopher J. Panos

Judge Melvin S. Hoffman

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Judge Frank J./Bailey

Judge Elizabeth D. Katz

Judge Janet E. Bostwicl

Dated: April 2, 2020