

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STANDING ORDER 2020-02

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 document with a “wet signature” within 14 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 14 days of the filing of the document.

Except to the extent expressly modified by this 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 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 Standing Order.

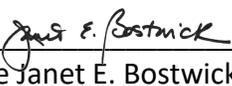
**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

  
Chief Judge Christopher J. Panos

  
Judge Frank J. Bailey

  
Judge Melvin S. Hoffman

  
Judge Elizabeth D. Katz

  
Judge Janet E. Bostwick

Dated: March 17, 2020