

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

IN RE:

**TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF
GENERAL ORDER 2016-2 AND ITS
ACCOMPANYING ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURES & CM/ECF LOCAL RULES
THROUGH AND INCLUDING APRIL 10,
2020**

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-2


In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, the national and state declarations of emergency by the President of the United States and the Governor of Georgia, and the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and local health officials, this Court will temporarily modify the requirement of General Order 2016-2 and its accompanying Administrative Procedures & CM/ECF Local Rules to provide:

Effective immediately, and through and including April 10, 2020, the electronic filing of a Verified Pleading, including the voluntary petition, is permitted if the debtor's attorney either:

- (1) has complied with General Order 2016-2 and its accompanying Administrative Procedures & CM/ECF Local Rules; or
- (2) chooses to electronically file the Verified Pleading without the original signature in his/her possession provided that such electronic filing constitutes a certification by the debtor's attorney that the debtor has signed it and that, at the time of filing, the debtor's attorney is in possession of an image format or other facsimile of the document, including the signature page received either electronically (including by email or text) or by facsimile machine from the debtor. If the Verified Pleading is filed electronically without the original signature in his/her possession, it shall be filed with the signature in image format and such filing constitutes a representation

and certification that the debtor's attorney transmitted the entire Verified Pleading to the debtor for review and signature, communicated with the debtor regarding the substance and purpose of the Verified Pleading, received the entire Verified Pleading, including the signature page, back from the debtor electronically, and received express authorization from the debtor to file the Verified Pleading. The debtor's attorney must file a certification within 30 days of filing the Verified Pleading that he/she has received the debtor's original signature and will maintain it in accordance with General Order 2016-2 and its accompanying Administrative Procedures & CM/ECF Local Rules.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020.



Edward J. Coleman, III
Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
For the Southern District of Georgia