## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE MATTER OF:

: GENERAL ORDER 20-06

TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF LBR 5005-4(j) THROUGH AND INCLUDING MAY 6, 2020

## **GENERAL ORDER**

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and the Executive Order signed by the Governor of Puerto Rico on Sunday April 12, 2020, extending the lockdown to May 3, 2020, this Court will temporarily modify the requirement of LBR 5005-4(j) to provide:

Effective immediately, and through and including May 6, 2020, the electronic filing of a Verified Paper, including the voluntary petition, is permitted if the debtor's attorney either:

- (1) has complied with LBR 5005-4(j); or
- 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 from the debtor. If the Verified Paper 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 Paper to the debtor for review and signature, communicated with the debtor regarding the substance and purpose of the Verified Paper, received the entire Verified Paper, including the signature page, back from the debtor electronically, including the signature page, and received express authorization from the debtor to file the Verified Paper. The debtor's attorney must file a certification within 30 days of filing the

Verified Paper that he/she has received the debtor's original signature and will maintain it in accordance with LBR 5005-4(j).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 13th day of April, 2020.

Mildred Caban Flores, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Enrique S. Lemoutte, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Brian K. Tester, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Edward A. Godoy, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge