

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

IN THE MATTER OF:	:	GENERAL ORDER 20-08
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TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF LBR 5005-4(j)	:	
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	:	

GENERAL ORDER

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, the Center for Disease Control recommendations for social distancing and the Executive Orders signed by the Governor of Puerto Rico instituting a lock down, this Court will temporarily modify the requirement of LBR 5005-4(j) to provide:

Effective upon the date of this Order and until further notice, the electronic filing of a Verified Paper, including the voluntary petition, is permitted if the debtor's attorney:

(1) has complied with LBR 5005-4(j);

(2) chooses to electronically file the Verified Paper 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 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); or

(3) Obtains the debtor's digital signature via any commercially available digital signature software that provides signature authentication and maintain a copy of the digitally signed document(s) in the debtor's case file.

(4) General Order 20-06 entered on April 13, 2020 is modified as provided herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 23rd day of April, 2020.




Mildred Cabán Flores, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Enrique S. Lamoutte, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Brian K. Tester, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Edward A. Godoy, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge