

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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In re:

Continued Bankruptcy Court Operations
During the Exigent Circumstances Caused
by COVID-19

Administrative Order
No. 2020-05

**ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING
REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL
SIGNATURES FROM PERSONS FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS**

On March 16, 2020, the Court entered Administrative Order 2020-04 (“Order”), regarding continued Bankruptcy Court operations during the exigent circumstances caused by COVID-19. The Order stated that the Court will continue to monitor the public health crisis caused by COVID-19 and adopt such additional procedures going forward as the Court determines are needed to fulfill the Court’s mission to serve the public and at the same time protect the public health. Pursuant to the Order, the Court has now determined to temporarily suspend the requirement in the Court’s Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing (“ECF Procedures”) that a Filer or User, as those terms are defined in the ECF Procedures, must obtain a person’s original signature on a document that the Filer or User files electronically with the Court. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that ECF Procedures 10(a) and 11(b) are temporarily suspended. Until further order of the Court, a Filer or User is not required to obtain a person's original physical signature prior to electronically filing a document that requires such person's signature, provided that prior to electronically filing the document, the Filer or User must obtain either (i) the person's digital signature on such document via any commercially available digitally signed document; or (ii) express written permission via email or otherwise from the person to affix the person's signature to the document electronically filed with the Court. The Filer or User must retain the digital signature or express written permission in the Filer's or User's file for such case.



/s/ Phillip J. Shefferly
Phillip J. Shefferly
Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
For the Eastern District of Michigan

Signed on March 19, 2020