

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

**Administrative Order Regarding
Temporarily Suspension of Original
Signature Requirements during
COVID-19 Pandemic**

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER**

23-01

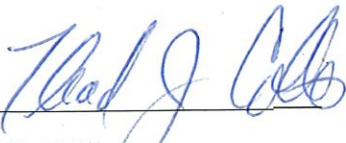
On March 13, 2020, the President issued the “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak.” The national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, has been extended several times due to the severity and magnitude of the pandemic.

On April 13, 2020, in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued risk to the public health, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa suspended the requirement that attorneys obtain original signatures of debtors, attorneys, affiants, and declarants (collectively “Signer”) prior to electronically filing such documents, provided that the attorney: (1) transmit the entire document to the signer for review; (2) communicate with the signer regarding the substance and purpose of the document; and (3) obtain the signer’s digital signature or (4) obtain the signer’s express written permission (including by electronic mail).

The Court’s Administrative Order of April 13, 2020, stated the suspension shall remain in effect until further notice. The Court hereby orders that the suspension of the original signature requirements shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days following the termination of the national emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2023.



Thad J. Collins
Chief Bankruptcy Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Iowa