

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re: )  
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CESSATION OF HAND DELIVERIES )  
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**INTERIM ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Bankruptcy Court is monitoring the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Given the risk of transmission and the potentially serious consequences, the Bankruptcy Court has implemented procedures to protect Court personnel and the public from the spread of this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby Ordered as follows:

1. Effective, March 16, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court will no longer accept hand delivery of any documents.
2. Local Rules 3007-1 (Omnibus Objection to Claims); 7007-4 (Notice of Completion of Briefing or Certificate of No Objection, and Notice of Completion of Briefing Binder); 8003-1 (Transmittal of Notice of Appeal to Bankruptcy Judge); 8024-1 (Notice of Disposition of Appeal); 9006-1(e) (Shortened Notice); 9013-1(j) (Certificate of No Objection); 9019-1(Certificate of Counsel); 9029-3 (Hearing Agenda Required); and the General Chambers Procedures are modified as follows:
  - a. Unless otherwise directed by Chambers, copies of Notices of Completion of Briefing, Certificates of No Objection, Certificates of Counsel, and Notices of Appeal shall not be provided to the Court via hand delivery, email nor any other method.
  - b. Notices of Disposition of Appeal and Motions to Shorten Notice shall be provided to Chambers solely by email to the applicable Courtroom Deputy and Judicial Assistant.
  - c. Hearing Agendas shall be provided to Chambers solely by email to the applicable Courtroom Deputy and Judicial Assistant. The documents referenced in the Agenda shall not be provided. If possible, counsel will provide via email a copy of the Agenda with hyperlinks to the relevant

docket entries or some similar method of allowing access to the relevant materials through the Agenda.

- d. Claims Binders and Fee Binders (with relevant documents) shall be provided to Chambers by email to the applicable Courtroom Deputy and Judicial Assistant.
3. All proposed orders must be submitted and uploaded via CM/ECF with the exception of proposed orders for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 consumer cases.
4. As necessary (such as regarding a first day hearing), disposition of matters may be noted on the docket with an order to follow.
5. Counsel is requested to compress the size of documents submitted in pdf format prior to submitting the documents via email.
6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Court will allow the hand delivery of documents for use in the courtroom during a contested hearing or trial, such as exhibit binders.

  
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Christopher S. Sontchi  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: March 13, 2020