## THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

## GENERAL ORDER - EMERGENCY CLERK'S OFFICE PROCEDURES

The Bankruptcy Court is monitoring the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and 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 disease. Effective March 18, 2020, the following procedures for Clerk's Office operations will be implemented:

- Beginning March 18, 2020, and until further notice, there will be no in person public access to the Bankruptcy Court's Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office will remain open to the public through telephone and email access and the drop boxes located in the lobby of the courthouse.
- Emergency bankruptcy petitions for individuals may be filed electronically by accessing the link on the Court's website.
- Filing fees for individual bankruptcy petitions will be deferred at this time.
- Deadlines for paying outstanding fees and uncured deficiencies in individual bankruptcy cases are extended until further notice.
- Telephonic court hearings will be recorded by CourtCall and will constitute the official recording of such hearings.

Dated: March 17, 2020

Christopher St Sontchi Chief Bankruptcy Judge