

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

IN RE: RESCISSION OF COVID-19-RELATED
GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER 2023-01

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, and the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency throughout the State related to the COVID-19 global pandemic;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak, and noted the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus, through, among other means, social distancing and wearing a facemask that covered the nose and mouth;

WHEREAS, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut (“the Court”) continued to review its operations to identify measures that slow the spread of the virus, while preserving its core mission of serving the public through fair and impartial administration of justice;

WHEREAS, to respond to the exigent circumstances created by COVID-19, the Court issued General Orders regarding court operations and a temporary suspension of a requirement to obtain original signatures (“COVID-19 Orders”);

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2023, the President of the United States signed into law a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 7) terminating the COVID-19 national emergency in Proclamation 9994 and on May 11, 2023, the public health emergency for COVID-19 declared under the Public Health Service Act will expire;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, on behalf of the Judicial Conference, found that emergency conditions with respect to COVID-19 no longer materially affect the functioning of the federal courts, generally or a particular district, effective May 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in light of the termination of the national emergency, many of the provisions of the COVID-19 Orders are no longer necessary,

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, effective June 5, 2023, the General Order regarding Temporary Suspension of Requirement to Obtain Debtors Original Signatures, issued on March 23, 2020, is rescinded, and it is further

ORDERED, effective June 5, 2023, the restrictions on entry to the Clerk's Offices and on accepting cash payments in General Order 2021-2 regarding Restrictions on Access to the Clerk's Offices, issued on April 29, 2021, are rescinded.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: May 12, 2023
New Haven, Connecticut

/s/ Ann M. Nevins _____
Ann M. Nevins
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge