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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

By  Regina Thomas Clark  
Deputy Clerk

IN RE: :  
: **GENERAL ORDER 33-2020**  
TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF :  
BLR 5005-7(c) THROUGH AND INCLUDING :  
APRIL 10, 2020 :  
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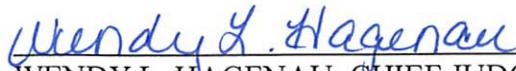
In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID 19, the national and state declarations of emergency by the President of the United States and the Governor of Georgia, and the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and local health officials, this Court will temporarily modify the requirement of BLR 5005 (c) to provide:

**Effective immediately, and through and including April 10, 2020**, the electronic filing of a Verified Paper, including the voluntary petition, is permitted if the debtor’s attorney either:

- (1) has complied with BLR 5005-7(c); or
- (2) chooses to electronically file the Verified Paper without the original signature in his/her possession provided that such electronic filing constitutes a certification by the debtor’s attorney that the debtor has signed it and that, at the time of filing, the debtor’s attorney is in possession of an image format or other facsimile of the document, including the signature page received either electronically (including by email or text) or by facsimile machine from the debtor. If the Verified Paper is filed electronically without the original signature in his/her possession, it shall be filed with the signature in image format and such filing constitutes a

representation and certification that the debtor's attorney transmitted the entire Verified Paper to the debtor for review and signature, communicated with the debtor regarding the substance and purpose of the Verified Paper, received the entire Verified Paper, including the signature page, back from the debtor electronically, including the signature page, and received express authorization from the debtor to file the Verified Paper. The debtor's attorney must file a certification within 30 days of filing the Verified Paper that he/she has received the debtor's original signature and will maintain it in accordance with BLR 5005-7(c).

SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020.

  
WENDY L. HAGENAU, CHIEF JUDGE  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
For the Court