

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

GENERAL ORDER RE: ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 4008-2 AND 5005-6

WHEREAS, by General Orders, this Court adopted the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as the Local Bankruptcy Rules), Administrative Orders of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as Administrative Orders), and the Local Bankruptcy Forms of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as Local Bankruptcy Forms); and

WHEREAS, Local Bankruptcy Rule 9029-2 authorizes this Court to adopt administrative orders and forms for the conduct and disposition of proceedings before it and, from time to time, to alter and amend the same, provided that such administrative orders and forms are not inconsistent with the provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or Local Bankruptcy Rules; it is hereby

ORDERED that the attached Administrative Orders 4008-2 and 5005-6 are hereby prescribed and promulgated pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9029-2 and shall take effect immediately, and shall govern all bankruptcy cases and proceedings thereafter commenced and, insofar as is just and practicable, all bankruptcy cases and proceedings then pending in this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that the clerk shall post a copy of this order in the clerk's office and on the Court's website at www.nhb.uscourts.gov, indicating copies of the same are available upon request.

DATED and FILED this 26th day of February, 2021.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Bruce A. Harwood
Bruce A. Harwood
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

AO 4008-2 Lease Assumption in Chapter 7 Cases

In a chapter 7 case, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2), an individual debtor may assume a lease of personal property by notifying a creditor in writing that the debtor desires to assume the lease. Upon being so notified, the creditor may, at its option, notify the debtor that it is willing to have the lease assumed by the debtor and may condition such assumption on cure of any outstanding default on terms set by the contract. Parties to a lease of personal property should not enter into a reaffirmation agreement under 11 U.S.C. § 524(c).

Cross-Reference:

· *AO 4008-1 (Reaffirmation)*

AO 5005-6 Highly Sensitive Documents

In response to recent disclosures of wide-spread breaches of both private sector and government computer systems, federal courts are immediately adding new security procedures to protect highly sensitive documents filed with the courts. Highly sensitive documents include, but are not limited to, documents relating to matters of national security, foreign sovereign interests, or cybersecurity; the extent of domestic or international interests; the involvement of public officials; intellectual property or trade secrets; or the reputational interests of the United States. As of the effective date of this Administrative Order, highly sensitive documents do not include documents to which public access is routinely restricted to protect privacy and prevent identity theft, such as bank records, social security records, health records, unclaimed fund applications, and income tax returns—all of which will continue to be governed by the procedures for redaction and restricting access set forth in AO 9037-1.

Parties who seek to file highly sensitive documents with the Court shall follow the procedures set forth in LBR 5005-5 for filing documents under seal. Highly sensitive documents should not be filed in CM/ECF.

Cross-References:

- *LBR 5005-5 (Sealed Documents)*
- *AO 9037-1 (Redaction of Personal Identifiers)*