

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

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**GENERAL ORDER RE: ADOPTION OF INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULES  
TO IMPLEMENT THE SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019**

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On August 23, 2019, the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the SBRA) was enacted into law. The SBRA makes many substantive and procedural changes to the Bankruptcy Code and requires changes to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to implement those changes. However, the February 19, 2020 effective date of the SBRA occurs long before the Bankruptcy Rules can be amended under the three-year process required by the Rules Enabling Act. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules drafted, published for comment, and subsequently approved interim bankruptcy rules (hereinafter referred to as the Interim Rules) for distribution to the courts. The Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure approved the Interim Rules, and the Judicial Conference authorized distribution of the Interim Rules to courts for adoption locally to facilitate uniform implementation of the changes mandated by the SBRA.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the attached Interim Rules 1007, 1020, 2009, 2012, 2015, 3010, 3011, 3014, 3016, 3017.1, 3017.2, 3018, and 3019 are adopted in their entirety without change by this Court to be effective February 19, 2020. For cases and proceedings not governed by the SBRA, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court, other than the Interim Rules, shall apply.

The Interim Rules shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

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](http://www.nhb.uscourts.gov), indicating copies of the same are available upon request.

DATED and FILED this 13th day of February, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

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