UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIFTEENTH GENERAL ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19

This General Order is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and is intended to provide guidance to the public and bar regarding operations of the United Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Hampshire. This order supersedes the Fourteenth General Order Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19.

- 1. Effective June 1, 2021, the Warren B. Rudman U.S. Courthouse has been open to the public. All persons seeking entry to the Rudman Courthouse are required to comply with access restrictions and screening protocols. The Clerk's Office provides in-person assistance Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 2. The Bankruptcy Court accepts the filing of new petitions, motions, pleadings, notices, and other papers at the Clerk's Office. In addition, the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court accepts filings through: (1) the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system; and (2) physical deposit in the depository box located behind the Cleveland Federal Building, which must be accompanied by either (a) an e-mail to nhbnofee@nhb.uscourts, indicating the filer's name, the case name and number, and the date and time at which the filing was placed into the depository box or (b) a phone call to 603-222-2600 to confirm the deposit. The Court continues to accept documents through the U.S. Mail as permitted by the Court's Local Bankruptcy Rules and Administrative Orders. All existing requirements pertaining to signatures on all documents submitted for filing, including proofs of claims, remain in effect.
- 3. Until further notice, all hearings in the Bankruptcy Court will continue to be accomplished through telephonic means. Attorneys must utilize CourtCall. Self-represented parties and any member of the public, who wish to observe or participate in a hearing, must contact the courtroom deputy at 603-222-2644 to receive instructions on how to do so.
- 4. Hearings, conferences, and trials may be conducted by videoconference or, in appropriate circumstances, in person at the Rudman Courthouse, at the discretion of the presiding judge.

SO ORDERED.

Date: February 22, 2022

/s/ Bruce A. Harwood

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Chief Bankruptcy Judge