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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NC

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

IN RE:

RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS TO COURTHOUSES

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and other public health authorities have advised taking precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Court now finds it necessary to place restrictions on courthouse visitors to comply with the precautions advised by the CDC.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no members of the public, other than litigants with a scheduled proceeding, counsel of record, employees of counsel, credentialed press, observers of in-court proceedings, or those seeking bankruptcy forms with which to file bankruptcy may enter the bankruptcy court space at Century Station Post Office Building in Raleigh, NC or the Randy D. Doub U.S. Courthouse in Greenville, NC (“the Bankruptcy Courthouses”).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in addition to the above restrictions, the following persons shall not enter the bankruptcy court space at either of the above locations:

- Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told to presume they have COVID-19 by a health professional within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have had contact in the last 14 days with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told to presume they have COVID-19 by a health professional, unless

the diagnosis was more than 14 days ago and the person diagnosed has been symptom-free for the past 72 hours;

- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any physician, hospital, or health agency;
- Persons who have had fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea within the last 14 days, unless the symptoms are attributable to another known condition;
- Persons who reside with someone who has had fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea within the last 14 days, unless the symptoms are attributable to another known condition;
- Persons who have returned from international travel or a cruise ship voyage within the past 14 days; and
- Persons who have been released from a federal, state or local jail, prison, or correctional institution within the last 14 days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, the Court Security Officers, or a designated contractor, shall enforce the terms of this Order and shall deny entry to anyone attempting to enter in violation of this Order.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if you are scheduled or required to appear at one of the Bankruptcy Courthouses and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions in this Order, you are directed to proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;

- If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact that chambers directly;
- For self-represented litigants, please contact the Clerk's Office at (919) 856-4752.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them.

Date: July 8, 2020


STEPHANI W. HUMRICKHOUSE
CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE