

IN RE:

GENERAL ORDER RE: REQUIREMENTS OF ORIGINAL, HANDWRITTEN/WET SIGNATURES **GENERAL ORDER 25-04**

JUDGE B. MCKAY MIGNAULT

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING REQUIREMENTS OF ORIGINAL, HANDWRITTEN/WET SIGNATURES

- (a) <u>Filing Certain Documents Signed by an Attorney</u>: A pleading, motion, brief, or notice filed electronically under an attorney's ECF log-in and password must be electronically signed by that attorney (the "Filing User") pursuant to subdivision (b) hereof.
- (b) <u>Form of Electronic Signature</u>: If a document is converted directly from a word processing application to .pdf (as opposed to scanning), the name of the Filing User (under whose ECF log-in and password the document is submitted) must be preceded by "/s/" and typed on the signature line where the Filing User's original, handwritten/wet signature would otherwise appear (example: /s/Name of Filing User).

(c) Other Documents:

- (i) Each document filed by a pro se or non-attorney represented party that requires a signature must contain an original, handwritten/wet signature;
- (ii) Any affidavit filed with the court must include an original, handwritten/wet signature of the appropriate party regardless of representation status; and
- (iii) A signature on a document other than a document filed as provided under subdivision (a) must be an original, handwritten/wet signature and must be scanned into

.pdf format for electronic filing, except as set forth in subdivision (d) hereof.

(d) <u>Exceptions</u>: Electronically filed Proof of Claims and accompanying documents may contain an electronic signature by any filer.