

LBR 5005-4. Electronic Filing

(f) Signatures.

(2) Debtor. At the time a bankruptcy petition and accompanying schedules and statements, including amendments thereof, are filed electronically, the ECF User must be in possession of the completed paper copies signed by the debtor. The declarations or certifications required of a debtor in these documents must be made by (i) submitting a paper copy of a declaration substantially conforming to the local form (Declaration re: Electronic Filing) with the original signature of each individual or joint debtor, or the original signature of an authorized individual on behalf of a debtor that is an artificial entity; or (ii) filing a digital copy of the originally signed and dated declaration. The Declaration re: Electronic Filing must be filed within 7 days after the date of electronic filing of the subject document.

(3) Retention of Originally Signed Documents. The originally signed paper copies of a bankruptcy petition and accompanying papers, and any amendments thereof, required to be verified under Bankruptcy Rule 1008 and any declaration made by any party under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 must be retained by the ECF User until one year after the date that the case or proceeding is closed. The court, on its own motion or on the request of a party in interest, may require the production of any originally signed and dated document or its digital image. ~~In lieu of producing an originally signed paper document, an ECF User may produce the document's scanned image with the digital file's "date modified" information attached.~~

(4) Sanctions. Failure to comply with the provisions of this rule regarding signatures and retention of originally signed documents may result in dismissal of a case or proceeding and the striking of documents without further notice or hearing, and the imposition of monetary and other sanctions on the ECF User and Filing Agent.

(5) Other Requirements. The court may adopt further requirements regarding signatures through issuance of administrative procedures