

(f) Signatures.

(1) ECF User. A filing made through a person's electronic filing account and authorized by that person, together with that person's name on a signature block constitutes the signature of the ECF User for all purposes, including those under Bankruptcy Rule 9011 and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and has the same force and effect as if the ECF User had affixed his or her signature on a paper copy of the document being filed.

(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 signed 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.

(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~~ Authorized Signature Methods. For documents filed electronically, the following signature methods on the digital image are authorized.

(A) An original "wet ink" signature,

(B) A digital signature generated by a court-approved software application that creates a secure electronic signature that uniquely identifies the signer and ensures the authenticity of the signature, and

(C) A signature using the "/s/" of the ECF User filing the document or the "/s" and printed name of a third party who has consented to use of this signature method.

Paper documents submitted for filing must contain an original "wet ink" signature.

The court may adopt further requirements regarding signatures through issuance of administrative procedures.