## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Matters of Practice and Procedure Before the Court

IN RE:

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING LOCAL RULE 1002-2(e)

JUDGEMENTENTERED ON SEP 26 2018

It appearing that in order to monitor the identities of pro se filers, the court must establish a procedure for collecting identification and a new subsection (e) must now be added to Local Rule of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure 1002-2;

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that the court's new Local Rule of Practice and Procedure 1002-2(e), copies of which are attached to this order and incorporated by reference herein, be adopted and apply to all new cases filed on or after October 1, 2018.

Laura Turner Beyer

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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J. Crain Whitley

United States Bankruptcy Judge

## Local Rule 1002-2 Petitions

- (a) **Electronic Filing**. Attorneys shall file all documents electronically unless leave of the Court is granted. In filing electronically or non-electronically, attorneys shall comply with Local Rule 5005-1. Filing electronically shall constitute the signature of the attorney and debtor.
- (b) Waiver Requirements. Attorneys unable to file electronically may seek a waiver on an ex parte basis.
- (c) **Joint Petitions**. When a joint petition is filed by a husband and wife who do not share the same surname, the debtors shall append to their petition a duly executed affidavit verifying that they are legally married at the time of filing of the petition. Petitions submitted without the required affidavit will be docketed by the Clerk of Court and will be subject to dismissal in accordance with Local Rule 1007-1(b).
- (d) Petition Filed by a Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Limited Partnership, or Limited Liability Partnership. When a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership, or limited liability partnership files a voluntary bankruptcy petition, an executed copy of the resolution of the debtor's board of directors, members, or general partners authorizing the filing of the bankruptcy petition shall be filed with the petition.
- (e) Petition Filed by or on Behalf of a Pro Se Debtor. Any bankruptcy petition filed with this Court by or on behalf of a pro se debtor on or after October 1, 2018 shall be accompanied by a current government-issued photo identification.
  - (1) Filing in Person. When filing a petition with the Court in person, a debtor must present current government-issued photo identification for copying by the Clerk's Office.
  - (2) Filing by Mail. A petition filed with the Court by mail must be accompanied by a legible black and white photocopy of the debtor's current government-issued photo identification.

- other than the debtor files a petition on behalf of the debtor, the filer must present his or her current government-issued photo identification for copying by the Clerk's Office in addition to a legible black and white photocopy of the debtor's current government-issued photo identification.
- (4) Retention of Photocopies by the Clerk. The Clerk will convert photocopies of identification to PDF documents that will be added to the docket as private entries. The paper copies will be destroyed after the PDF documents are added to the docket.