

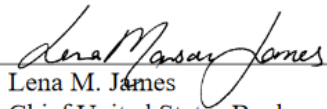
**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

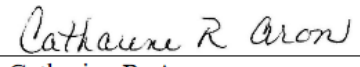
**IN RE:** )  
**PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMISSION OF** ) **STANDING ORDER 21-02**  
**DIRECT EVIDENCE THROUGH** )  
**DECLARATIONS OR AFFIDAVITS** )

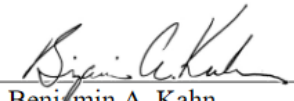
For all contested matters and pursuant to the authority granted to the Court under Fed. R. Evid. 611, direct evidence may be offered by declaration(s) complying with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 to the extent that the declaration(s) contain admissible evidence from a competent witness with personal knowledge. Objections to the admissibility of the evidence in the declaration and the competency of the witness shall be preserved. Any such declaration must be filed with the Court at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled hearing, and the time under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(d) is hereby reduced pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(c)(1) to be consistent herewith. To the extent that any party in interest wishes to cross examine the declarant, the Court will determine appropriate procedures on a case-by-case basis. This order supersedes the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Court's March 18, 2020 Standing Order Regarding the Suspension of Local Rule 5005-4(7) and Standing Order Procedures for Admission of Direct Evidence Through Declarations or Affidavits.

SO ORDERED.

This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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Lena M. James  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

  
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Catharine R. Aron  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

  
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Benjamin A. Kahn  
United States Bankruptcy Judge