

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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In re)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER) Administrative Order
REGARDING ADOPTION OF) FLMB-2020-6
INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULE 1020)
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING
ADOPTION OF INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULE 1020**

In Administrative Order FLMB-2020-1, the Court adopted interim rules (“Interim Rules”) to implement the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 (the “SBRA”), which went into effect on February 19, 2020. The Interim Rules consist of amendments to Rules 1007, 1020, 2009, 2012, 2015, 3010, 3011, 3014, 3016, 3017.1, 3017.2, 3018, and 3019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act.”) was signed into law. The CARES Act includes temporary amendments to the definition of the term “small business debtor” in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D) and to the term “debtor” in 11 U.S.C. § 1182 (applicable to cases under Subchapter V of Chapter 11), including an increase of the debt limit to \$7,500,000.

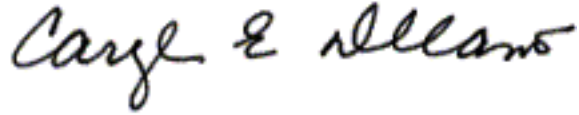
The amendment to 11 U.S.C. § 1182 requires an amendment to Interim Rule 1020. The Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules has approved the attached red-lined revision to Interim Rule 1020 for adoption by each judicial district.¹

Accordingly, under 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the attached Interim Rule 1020 is adopted in

¹Conforming revisions have also been made to five bankruptcy forms (Official Forms 101, 122A-1, 122B, 122C-1, and 201). These are posted at <https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms>.

its entirety without change by the judges of this Court. Interim Rule 1020 shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DATED: April 22, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Caryl E. Delano in black ink.

CARYL E. DELANO
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Attachment

1 **Rule 1020. Chapter 11 Reorganization Case for Small**
2 **Business Debtors or Debtors Under Subchapter V**

3 (a) ~~SMALL—BUSINESS—DEBTOR~~
4 DESIGNATION. In a voluntary chapter 11 case, the debtor
5 shall state in the petition whether the debtor is a small
6 business debtor or a debtor as defined in § 1182(1) of the
7 Code and, if the latter so, whether the debtor elects to have
8 subchapter V of chapter 11 apply. In an involuntary chapter
9 11 case, the debtor shall file within 14 days after entry of the
10 order for relief a statement as to whether the debtor is a small
11 business debtor or a debtor as defined in § 1182(1) of the
12 Code and, if the latter so, whether the debtor elects to have
13 subchapter V of chapter 11 apply. The status of the case as
14 a small business case or a case under subchapter V of chapter
15 11 shall be in accordance with the debtor's statement under
16 this subdivision, unless and until the court enters an order
17 finding that the debtor's statement is incorrect.

18 (b) OBJECTING TO DESIGNATION. The United
19 States trustee or a party in interest may file an objection to
20 the debtor's statement under subdivision (a) no later than 30
21 days after the conclusion of the meeting of creditors held

22 under § 341(a) of the Code, or within 30 days after any
23 amendment to the statement, whichever is later.

24 (c) PROCEDURE FOR OBJECTION OR
25 DETERMINATION. Any objection or request for a
26 determination under this rule shall be governed by Rule 9014
27 and served on: the debtor; the debtor’s attorney; the United
28 States trustee; the trustee; the creditors included on the list
29 filed under Rule 1007(d) or, if a committee has been
30 appointed under § 1102(a)(3), the committee or its
31 authorized agent; and any other entity as the court directs.

Committee Note

The interim rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281. That law provides a new definition of “debtor” for determining eligibility to proceed under subchapter V of chapter 11. Subdivision (a) of the rule is amended to reflect that change. This amendment to the Code will terminate one year after the date of enactment of the CARES Act.

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