

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re:

ADOPTION OF
INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULES

General Order M-535

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On August 23, 2019, the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 (the "SBRA") was enacted into law. The SBRA creates a new subchapter V of chapter 11 for the reorganization of small business debtors. It does not repeal existing chapter 11 provisions regarding small business debtors, but instead creates an alternative procedure for small business debtors with the goal of streamlining the reorganization process. The effective date of the SBRA is February 19, 2020.

Notwithstanding the SBRA effective date, amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure involve a three year long process under the Rules Enabling Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071-77. As a result, the Judicial Conference has authorized distribution of the Interim Rules to the courts so they can be adopted locally to facilitate uniformity in the implementation of the changes mandated by SBRA.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to 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 Rules are adopted in their entirety without change by the judges of this Court to be effective February 19, 2020.

The Interim Rules shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated: January 16, 2020
New York, New York

/s/ Cecelia G. Morris

Honorable Cecelia G. Morris
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge