

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC  
CONCERNING GENERAL ORDER REGARDING THE FILING OF  
FINAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS IN CASES CONVERTED  
FROM CHAPTER 13 TO CHAPTER 7**

Please be advised that the provisions of the attached *General Order Regarding the Filing of Final Reports and Accounts in Cases Converted from Chapter 13 to Chapter 7* are effective immediately.

The General Order is also available on the court's website, [njb.uscourts.gov](http://njb.uscourts.gov).

Dated: March 16, 2021

Jeanne A. Naughton, Clerk

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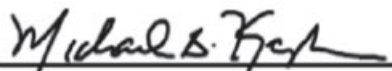
**WHEREAS**, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1019(5)(B)(ii) provides that “unless the Court directs otherwise, if a Chapter 13 case is converted to Chapter 7, ... the Trustee, not later than 30 days after conversion of the case, shall file and transmit...a final report and account...”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chapter 13 Trustees in the District of New Jersey regularly file a Notice of Funds on Hand, which notice provides opportunities for parties to respond to a proposed distribution of funds held by the Chapter 13 Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review and consideration, it appears that in certain procedural circumstances, the Chapter 13 Trustees for the District of New Jersey are unable to comply with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1019(5);

**IT IS** hereby on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021 **ORDERED**:

Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1019(5)(B) and 9006(b)(1), and for cause shown, if a Chapter 13 case pending in the District of New Jersey is converted to a case under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code, the Chapter 13 Trustee shall file a final report and account on or before the later of (i) 30 days after the date of conversion, or (ii) 45 days after all outstanding checks issued by the Chapter 13 Trustee in the subject case have been negotiated and cleared.

  
Michael B. Kaplan, Chief Judge  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge  
District of New Jersey