

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC  
CONCERNING CERTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF  
COVID-19 CHAPTER 13 PLAN MODIFICATION**

The bar and public are advised that, in connection with the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, the Court has implemented mandatory Local Form *Certification of Debtor(s) in Support of COVID-19 Chapter 13 Plan Modification* to address circumstances where a Chapter 13 debtor seeks plan modification due to a material financial hardship suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local Form *Certification of Debtor(s) in Support of COVID-19 Chapter 13 Plan Modification* is attached and is also available on the Court's website, [njb.uscourts.gov](http://njb.uscourts.gov). Parties who fail to submit the mandatory Local Form will be asked to resubmit the correct form.

In addition, a new docket event has been created in CM/ECF and is available for immediate use. The event, *Certification of Debtor(s) in Support of COVID-19 Chapter 13 Plan Modification*, may be found in the Miscellaneous Events category in CM/ECF. Parties who do not utilize the proper event in CM/ECF will be asked to resubmit their document under the correct event code.

Please refer to the court's website, [njb.uscourts.gov](http://njb.uscourts.gov) for additional information.

Dated: December 9, 2020

Jeanne A. Naughton, Clerk

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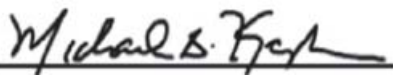
**GENERAL ORDER IMPLEMENTING MANDATORY LOCAL FORM  
RELATING TO THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF,  
AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court having determined the need for a mandatory local form to address circumstances where a Chapter 13 debtor seeks plan modification due to a material financial hardship suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**IT IS** hereby on this 9th day of December 2020 **ORDERED**:

1. Mandatory Local Form *Certification of Debtor(s) in Support of COVID-19 Chapter 13 Plan Modification* is implemented as of the date of this Order.
2. This Order shall remain in effect until further notice and is subject to interim revision as conditions may occur.



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

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In Re:

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: 13

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF DEBTOR(S) IN SUPPORT OF  
COVID-19 CHAPTER 13 PLAN MODIFICATION**

I [We], \_\_\_\_\_, am [are] the debtor[s] in the above-captioned Chapter 13 case and make this Certification under penalty of perjury in support of the COVID-19 Chapter 13 Plan Modification filed separately on the docket.

- 1) The Chapter 13 Plan was originally confirmed by order entered on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) I was current with plan payments through \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) I was current with post-petition mortgage payments through \_\_\_\_\_ on property located at \_\_\_\_\_.

[If not applicable, skip] [if more than 1 property, add additional lines]

a) The mortgage payments referred to above are [check one]:

- contractual payments  
 adequate protection payments

b) I am current with post-petition real estate taxes on the property located at \_\_\_\_\_.

YES  NO

c) I have current liability insurance on the property and can provide proof thereof.

YES  NO

4) If the confirmed plan includes a cram down on a mortgage, then answer the following:

a) I am current with post-petition real estate taxes on the property located at \_\_\_\_\_.

YES  NO

b) I have current liability insurance on the property and can provide proof thereof.

YES  NO

- 5) I was current with post-petition auto payments through \_\_\_\_\_ on the following automobile(s). [If not applicable, skip]  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) The change in my household income previously reported on Schedule I is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. My current household income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. I have attached a current paystub or proof of the change in income to this certification [Redact any personally identifiable information before docketing.] My current total household expenses are now \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) As a result of COVID-19, I have suffered a material financial hardship which has impacted me in the following way:

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debtor's Signature

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debtor's Signature