

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS
TO KEEP FLORIDA'S
BANKRUPTCY COURTS
RUNNING

DEADLINES AND WET INK SIGNATURES

- NDFL: deadlines based on 341 meeting date extended (AO 20-004), wet signatures not required (AO 20-006)
- MDFL: deadlines extend due to 341 meetings continued (FLMB-2020-2), accepting paper filings, wet signatures not required but must assure actual client signature (FLMB-2020-4)
- SDFL: deadlines based on 341 meeting date extended (AO 2020-05), wet signatures not required (AO 2020-06)

341 MEETINGS

- NDFL: 341 meetings telephonic through July 10, 2020
- MDFL: 341 meetings telephonic until further notice
- SDFL: 341 meetings telephonic through July 10, 2020

AUTOMATIC STAY ISSUES

- NDFL: no modification by administrative order
- MDFL: modified to facilitate forbearance negotiations (FLMB-2020-5)
- SDFL: no modification by administrative order
- No reason to grant relief under FRBP 4001(a)(3) to waive 10-day stay period if state courts are not presently conducting foreclosure sales or issuing writs of possession in eviction actions

Hearings/Discovery/Evidentiary Issues

- NDFL: All hearings are telephonic (via Courtcall)
- MDFL: All non-evidentiary hearings by telephone for now, Judge Jackson – evidentiary by phone, Judge Vaughn – evidentiary by video conferencing
- SDFL: All non-evidentiary hearings by telephone for foreseeable future, unless specially set by Zoom video-conference, declarations accepted as admissible evidence (AO 2020-06); most SDFL bankruptcy judges conducting evidentiary hearings by Zoom videoconference, with consent of parties; new administrative order about to be entered directing exhibits to be filed via CM/ECF as is done in MDFL (other than for pro se parties, who can email exhibits to clerk of court) (new AO 2020-09)