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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

<p><b>FILED</b></p> <p>April 19, 2017</p> <p>UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA</p>
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In re )  
 Delegation of Authority to the Clerk of ) General Order 17-01  
 the Bankruptcy Court and his Deputies )  
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**IT IS ORDERED** that General Order 16-04 dated May 31, 2016, is hereby abrogated.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Wayne Blackwelder, the duly appointed Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California, and his deputies shall have the same rights and powers, shall perform the same functions and duties, and shall be subject to the same provisions of Title 28, United States Code, as a clerk and other employees appointed under 28 U.S.C. § 751. Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 956, 11 U.S.C. § 105, and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the clerk and such deputies as he may designate are authorized to sign and enter without further direction the following orders which are deemed to be of a ministerial, nondiscretionary, nonjudicial, and/or administrative nature:

1. Orders pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004, presented on EDC Form 6-970A, authorizing the examination of a person but not compelling the production of documentary evidence;
2. Orders fixing the last dates for the filing of objections to confirmation of chapter 12 and chapter 13 plans, complaints objecting to discharge, complaints to determine the dischargeability of debts, proofs of claim, and amendments thereto;

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3. Orders granting applications to pay the filing fee in installments as provided by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure;
  
4. Orders granting discharge of debtors in chapter 7 cases in which no objection to discharge is pending, the debtor(s) has (have) not executed a waiver of discharge or been otherwise denied a discharge, and where it appears from the record that the debtor(s) is(are) eligible for a discharge;
  
5. Orders granting discharge of debtors in chapter 13 cases in which no objection to discharge is pending, the debtor(s) has(have) not executed a waiver of discharge or been otherwise denied a discharge, and in cases filed on and after October 17, 2005, after notice affording parties-in-interest the opportunity to object to the debtor's eligibility for discharge and no objections having been filed;
  
6. Orders closing bankruptcy cases without entry of a discharge when the debtor(s) has(have) failed to file a statement of completion of a course concerning personal financial management (Official Form 423) or a motion to extend time to file the statement after the Clerk has sent the debtor a notice of the deficiency and an opportunity to file a motion to extend time. If the debtor files a motion to extend time to file the statement and the debtor fails to file the statement within the time specified in the Judge's order, the Clerk will close the case without entry of discharge;
  
7. Orders closing bankruptcy cases without entry of a discharge when the debtor(s) has(have) not paid in full the filing fee prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) and any other fee prescribed by the Judicial Conference of the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(b) that is payable to the Clerk upon the commencement of a case under the Bankruptcy Code, or a motion to extend time to pay the fee after the

1 Clerk has sent the debtor a notice of the deficiency and an opportunity to file a  
2 motion to extend time. If the debtor files a motion to extend time to pay the fee  
3 and the debtor fails to pay the fee within the time specified in the Judge's order,  
4 the Clerk will close the case without entry of a discharge;

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6 8. Orders closing chapter 13 bankruptcy cases without entry of a discharge when  
7 the debtor(s) fail(s) to certify that (A) the debtor has not received a prior  
8 bankruptcy discharge within the time periods specified in 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f), (B)  
9 the debtor has paid all domestic support obligations, or (C) the debtor does not  
10 owe debts of the type described in 11 U.S.C. § 522(q) while claiming exemptions  
11 in real property, personal property, or a cooperative used as a residence or  
12 claimed as a homestead, or in a burial plot that exceed the amount stated in 11  
13 U.S.C. § 522(q)(1), or that such exemptions in excess of the amount stated in 11  
14 U.S.C. § 522(q)(1) are reasonably necessary for the support of the debtor or the  
15 debtor's dependents after the Trustee has sent the debtor a notice of completed  
16 plan payments and of the obligation to file documents demonstrating eligibility for  
17 discharge. If the debtor fails to file the documents or the filed documents fail to  
18 demonstrate eligibility for discharge, the Clerk will close the case without entry  
19 of discharge;

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21 9. Orders reopening cases pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 350(b);

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23 10. After Court approval of all amounts awarded therein, orders awarding  
24 compensation and expense reimbursements to trustees and other professionals  
25 in chapter 7 cases;

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27 11. Orders approving chapter 12 and 13 trustee final reports and accounts after  
28 notice affording opportunity to be heard and no request for hearing or objection

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having been filed;

12. Final decrees, and orders closing chapter 7, 12 and 13 cases and discharging trustees after notice affording opportunity to be heard and no request for hearing or objection having been filed;

13. Except with respect to priority claims, orders substituting the transferee for the original claimant on a proof of claim pursuant to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure;

14. Orders presented by or approved with a signature by the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee ordering or releasing the debtor or any entity from whom the debtor receives income to pay all or part of such income to the trustee;

15. Orders dismissing bankruptcy cases for failure to file missing documents after notice affording the debtors an opportunity to file the missing documents, a motion for extension of time, or a notice of hearing on the Court's Notice of Intent to Dismiss Case, and all missing documents, a motion to extend time, or a notice of hearing not having been timely filed. If the debtor files a motion to extend time or a notice of hearing and later fails to file all missing documents within the time specified in the Judge's order, the Clerk will dismiss the case;

16. Orders setting hearings on reaffirmation agreements;

17. Orders transferring cases after conversion from chapter 7 to 13 and chapter 13 to 7 in Modesto cases, and from chapter 7 to 13 in San Joaquin county cases; and


1 18. Orders directing a chapter 7 trustee to pay the filing fee from assets in the  
2 bankruptcy estate when the debtor's filing fee has been waived and the trustee  
3 has assets to administer in the case, as per 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(2) and  
4 28 U.S.C. § 1930; and


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6 19. Orders approving motions to redact personally identifiable information from the  
7 court's docket or claims register.  
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9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in the interest of justice, a judge may suspend or  
10 withdraw the Clerk's and deputy clerks' authority to sign the foregoing orders at any time, on the  
11 judge's own motion, and regulate practice in accordance with the judge's direction.

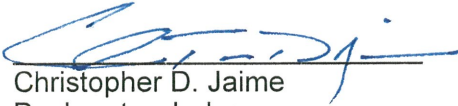
12 DATED: April 19, 2017

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15 Ronald H. Sargis  
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