## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

In re:

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #130 REGARDING ADMISSION OF DIRECT EVIDENCE THROUGH DECLARATIONS

Due to the National, State and Local states of emergency relating to the COVID-19 virus,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

For all contested matters and pursuant to the authority granted to the Court under Fed. R. Evid. 611, direct evidence may be offered by declaration(s) complying with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 to the extent that the declaration(s) contain admissible evidence from a competent witness with personal knowledge. Objections to the admissibility of the evidence in the declaration and the competency of the witness shall be preserved. Such declarations shall be signed in compliance with this Court's (Amended) Administrative Order #129. To the extent that any party in interest wishes to cross examine the declarant, the Court will determine appropriate procedures on a case-by-case basis.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Court.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2020.

JAMES P. SMITH, Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Georgia