UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS AND BANKRUPTCY COURT ACCESSABILITY

GENERAL ORDER 23-001

In the interest of public health and safety, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Rhode Island hereby rescinds its *Third Amended* General Order 20-012 Regarding Bankruptcy Court Visitation and Access Restrictions dated April 21, 2022, and in its place orders the following:

<u>Mitigation Measures</u>: All persons entering Bankruptcy Court space at 380 Westminster Street, Providence RI are not required to wear a mask, unless required by the General Service Administration upon determination of a High COVID-19 Community Level for this location. However, any person who wishes to wear a mask is encouraged to do so. The Clerk shall make masks available to any person who requests one.

At any time, the Bankruptcy Judge may require persons entering the courtroom to wear a mask and/or take a COVID-19 test due to the following:

- Type of proceeding;
- Duration of visit;
- Current infection rate in the State of Rhode Island;
- Location of in-person proceeding; and
- Number of persons actively participating in an in-person proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 13, 2023

/s/ Diane Finkle

United States Bankruptcy Judge