

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

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In re: :

BANKRUPTCY GENERAL ORDER

Sufficient Identification Required at Filing :
Of all Pro Se Debtors and Pro Se Plaintiffs

No. 09-001

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**ORDER REQUIRING SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION AT FILING
OF ALL PRO SE DEBTORS AND PRO SE PLAINTIFFS**

Any *pro se* debtor wishing to file a voluntary petition, *pro se* petitioning creditor wishing to file an involuntary petition, or *pro se* plaintiff wishing to file an adversary complaint must appear in person and present sufficient identification before the petition or complaint will be accepted for filing. For *pro se* joint cases filed under §302, both spouses must be present. For *pro se* involuntary cases filed under § 303 with multiple petitioning creditors, all creditors must be present. For *pro se* adversary complaints with multiple plaintiffs, all plaintiffs must be present. If both spouses or all creditors or plaintiffs are not present, the petition or complaint is to be received by the Clerk, but not filed until the absent spouse, creditor, or plaintiff appears in person. An exception may be granted if the debtor, creditor, or plaintiff has executed a power of attorney, and the holder of the power of attorney has presented the power of attorney and sufficient identification.

For purposes of this General Order, "sufficient identification" means a valid photo driver license or other government-issued photo identification. Copies of identification and/or powers of attorney will be placed in a paper file maintained by intake staff, but will not be made part of the electronic file.

Any petition presented for filing by a *pro se* debtor or *pro se* petitioning creditor or complaint presented for filing by a *pro se* plaintiff presenting sufficient identification shall be accepted unless one of the following applies:

- (a) The petition or complaint is not accompanied by the proper filing fee, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- (b) The petition or complaint is presented for filing on behalf of a person or entity subject to an order enjoining such person or entity from filing such petition or complaint.

Effective March 1, 2009.

ORDER:

ENTER:



Clerk of Court



Arthur N. Votolato
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
Date: February 19, 2009