

telephone conferencing, likely make it impracticable, if not impossible, to obtain actual signatures in a timely and safe manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that where a judge finds that obtaining an actual signature is impracticable or imprudent in light of the public health situation relating to COVID-19, any document may be signed electronically.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that where a criminal defendant's signature is required, defense counsel or the presiding judge may sign on the defendant's behalf if the defendant, after an opportunity to consult with counsel, consents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that where consent or waiver is not explicitly required to be in writing by the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or other applicable law, such consent or waiver may be obtained in whatever form is most practicable under the circumstances, so long as the defendant's consent or waiver is clearly reflected in the record.

SO ORDERED:

April 29, 2020
Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ Leonard P. Stark
Leonard P. Stark
Chief, United States District Judge