

Entered: April 24th, 2023

Signed: April 24th, 2023

SO ORDERED



David E. Rice
DAVID E. RICE
U. S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In re: *
ELECTRONIC SELF * Administrative Order 23-04
REPRESENTATION (eSR) *
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING UNREPRESENTED
INDIVIDUALS TO FILE CHAPTER 7 CASES UTILIZING
ELECTRONIC SELF REPRESENTATION (eSR)**

The Electronic Self Representation (eSR) module is an online tool to enable an unrepresented individual to prepare a bankruptcy petition for filing with the court. This system allows for a one-time submission of a voluntary petition and related initial pleadings and documents.

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland has installed a local version of eSR on its public website at <https://www.mdb.uscourts.gov/>. The Court has determined that eSR should be available for unrepresented parties filing voluntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions in the District of Maryland.

Therefore, it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, hereby:

ORDERED, effective May 1, 2023, the use of eSR is authorized exclusively for voluntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases by unrepresented individuals; and it is further,

ORDERED, electronic submission to the Court via eSR does not constitute the filing of a petition or the commencement of a case; and it is further,

ORDERED, after the eSR electronic submission the filing shall occur only on the date when the Declaration Regarding Electronic Filing (Local Form R) and the Signed Statement About Your Social Security Number (Official Form 121) are received by the Court, whether electronically, in person or by mail, and the documents are entered on the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system; and it is further,

ORDERED, eSR is governed by the Federal Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Bankruptcy Rules.

END OF ORDER