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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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Clerk
District Court

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In re:)
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INTERIM PROCEDURES FOR
ATTORNEYS DURING THE CURRENT
DISRUPTION IN INTERNET AND
WIRELESS SERVICE

General Order No. 15-06
By _____
for the Northern Mariana Islands
(Deputy Clerk)

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The District Court will remain open during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., throughout the current disruption in internet and wireless service.

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Local Electronic Filing and Service Rules Suspended. All rules concerning electronic filing and service, in Appendix A of the District's Local Rules, are suspended until further notice.

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Filing: Papers must be filed in hardcopy at the Clerk's Office. Please provide the original and two copies for the Court, as well as copies for service on other parties. The Court will upload the documents to CM-ECF, but they will not be served electronically.

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Service: Parties are responsible to make service in compliance with Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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CM-ECF: The Court will provide access to dockets and other information on CM-ECF on two public terminals in the Clerk's Office. However, you will not be able to file documents on CM-ECF or to view sealed documents on the public terminals.

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Landline: Please make sure the Clerk's Office has your current landline telephone and fax numbers.

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Facsimile (Fax): The Court can receive and send faxes locally, and can send faxes off-island, but cannot receive faxes from off-island.

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Mailbox: The Court will place copies of orders in your mailbox in the Clerk's Office. Court staff will make every effort to contact you by telephone or fax if a matter requiring your

1 immediate attention arises. However, you are responsible to check your mailbox in the Clerk's
2 Office regularly to ensure timely receipt of Court orders.

3 Payment: The Clerk's Office will accept payment of fees by cash or check and give you
4 a paper receipt.

5 Hearings: All matters already set for a hearing will be heard as scheduled unless
6 otherwise ordered. The Court recognizes that the internet disruption may affect the ability of
7 parties to adequately prepare to argue motions and will be solicitous of requests for a
8 continuance upon a showing of good cause.

9 Library Access: From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, attorneys may access
10 the Chambers library. Attorneys may request access for their staff by writing to the Clerk's
11 Office.

12 Courtesy: The Court asks the Bar to be mindful of the strain the disruption puts on all
13 parties and encourages counsel to confer with one another and agree to extend deadlines where
14 appropriate. The Court will be inclined to grant stipulations to extend deadlines for a reasonable
15 period.

16 SO ORDERED this 10th day of July, 2015.

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19 RAMONA V. MANGLONA
20 Chief Judge
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