IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	)	Chapter 11
AMERICAN SIGNATURE, INC., *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 25-12105 (JKS)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	**Re: Docket Nos. 8, 74, 355**

FINAL ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO (A) CONTINUE OPERATING CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, (B) HONOR AND PAY BANK FEES, (C) MAINTAIN EXISTING BUSINESS FORMS, (D) PERFORM INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTIONS, AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon consideration of the motion (the "Motion")[2] of the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), seeking entry of a final order (this "Final Order"), pursuant to sections 105, 345, and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, Rules 6003 and 6004 of the Bankruptcy Rules, and Rule 2015-2 of the Local Rules, (i) authorizing the Debtors to (a) continue operating the Cash Management System, (b) honor and pay the Bank Fees in the normal course, including any prepetition Bank Fees, (c) maintain existing business forms, (d) continue to perform the Intercompany Transactions consistent with past practice, and (ii) granting certain related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: American Signature, Inc. (6162); American Signature Home Inc. (8573); American Signature USA Inc. (6162); ASI Pure Promise Insurance LLC (6162); ASI Elston LLC (7520); ASI – Laporte LLC (6162); ASI Polaris LLC (6162); ASI Thomasville LLC (6162); and American Signature Woodbridge LLC (6162). The Debtors' business address is 4300 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235.

[2] Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and upon entry orders [Docket Nos. 8 and 355] granting the relief requested on an interim basis and scheduling a final hearing; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted on a final basis, as set forth in this Final Order.

2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, in consultation with the DIP Agent, to: (a) continue operating the Cash Management System, substantially as identified on **Exhibit C** to the Motion and as described in the Motion; (b) subject to the Approved Budget (as defined in the order approving post-petition financing), honor their prepetition obligations related thereto; (c) use, in their present form, all preprinted correspondence and Business Forms (including letterhead) without reference to the Debtors' status as debtors in possession; *provided that* once the Debtors' existing Business Forms have been used, the Debtors shall, when reordering checks, require the designation "Debtor in Possession" and the corresponding bankruptcy case number on all checks; *provided further*, with respect to checks which the Debtors or their agents print themselves, the Debtors shall begin printing the "Debtor in Possession" legend and the bankruptcy case number on such items within ten days of the entry of this Final Order; (d) continue to perform Intercompany Transactions; (e) continue to use, with the same account numbers, the Bank Accounts in existence as of the Petition Date, including those accounts identified on **Exhibit D** to

the Motion, and need not comply with certain guidelines relating to bank accounts set forth in the U.S. Trustee Guidelines (to the extent applicable); (f) treat the Debtor Bank Accounts for all purposes as accounts of the Debtors as debtors in possession; (g) deposit funds in and withdraw funds from the Bank Accounts by all usual means, including checks, wire transfers, and other debits; and (h) subject to compliance with the Approved Budget, pay the Bank Fees, including any prepetition amounts and any ordinary course Bank Fees incurred in connection with the Bank Accounts and to otherwise perform their obligations under the documents governing the Bank Accounts; *provided* that in the case of each of (a) through (h), such action is taken in the ordinary course of business and consistent with historical practices.

3. The Debtors shall provide reasonable notice to counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") with respect to any material changes to the Cash Management System and related procedures prior to the implementation of such changes.

4. The Banks are authorized to continue to maintain, service, and administer the Bank Accounts as accounts of the Debtors as debtors in possession, without interruption and in the ordinary course of business consistent with historical practices, and to receive, process, honor, and pay, to the extent of available funds, any and all checks, drafts, wires, credit card payments, and ACH transfers issued and drawn on the Bank Accounts after the Petition Date by the holders or makers thereof, as the case may be, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Final Order; *provided* that the Debtors shall only instruct or request any Banks to pay or honor any check, draft, or other payment item issued on a Bank Account prior to the Petition Date but presented to such Bank for payment after the Petition Date as authorized by an order of the Court.

5. The Banks are authorized to debit the Debtors' accounts in the ordinary course of business, consistent with historical practices, without the need for further order of this Court for: (a) all checks drawn on the Debtors' accounts which are cashed at such Bank's counters or exchanged for cashier's checks by the payees thereof prior to the Petition Date; (b) all checks or other items deposited in one of Debtors' accounts with such Bank prior to the Petition Date which have been dishonored or returned unpaid for any reason, together with any fees and costs in connection therewith, to the same extent the Debtor was responsible for such items prior to the Petition Date; and (c) all undisputed prepetition amounts outstanding as of the date hereof, if any, owed to any Bank as service charges for the maintenance of the Cash Management System.

6. Any existing agreements between or among the Debtors, the Banks, and other parties shall continue to govern the postpetition cash management relationship between the Debtors and the Bank, and all of the provisions of such agreements, including, without limitation, the termination, fee provisions, rights, benefits, offset rights, and remedies afforded under such agreements shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and the Debtors and the Banks may, in consultation with the DIP Agent, without further order of this Court, agree to and implement changes to the Cash Management System and cash management procedures in the ordinary course of business, consistent with historical practices and the Debtors' prepetition secured debt agreements, including, without limitation, the opening and closing of bank accounts.

7. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, in consultation with the DIP Agent, in the ordinary course of business consistent with historical practices, to open any new bank accounts or close any existing Bank Accounts as they may deem necessary and appropriate, provided that the Debtors give notice to the U.S. Trustee, the DIP Agent, the Prepetition Lenders,

and the Committee within 7 days prior to opening or closing a bank account. The relief granted in this Final Order is extended to any new bank account opened by the Debtors in the ordinary course of business after the date hereof, which account shall be deemed a "Bank Account," and to the bank at which such account is opened, which bank shall be deemed a "Bank," provided that any new domestic bank account opened by the Debtors shall be established at an institution that is a party to a Uniform Depository Agreement with the U.S. Trustee or is willing to immediately execute such a Uniform Depository Agreement.

8. All banks maintaining any of the Bank Accounts that are provided with notice of this Final Order shall not honor or pay any bank payments drawn on the listed Bank Accounts or otherwise issued before the Petition Date; *provided*, *however*, that any such bank shall not be found to be in violation of this Final Order nor liable to the Debtors or their estates should any such bank honor or pay any bank payment at the direction of the Debtors.

9. The Banks are authorized, without further order of this Court, to deduct any applicable fees from the applicable Bank Accounts in the ordinary course of business consistent with historical practices and pursuant to the applicable agreements governing each Bank Account.

10. The Banks are authorized, without further order of this Court, to charge back to the appropriate accounts of the Debtors any amounts resulting from returned checks or other returned items, including returned items that result from ACH transactions, wire transfers, or other electronic transfers of any kind, regardless of whether such returned items were deposited or transferred prepetition or postpetition and regardless of whether the returned items relate to prepetition or postpetition items or transfers, including, without limitation, on account of checks that have been dishonored or returned as a result of insufficient funds in the Bank Accounts, in each case to the same extent the Debtors were responsible for such items prior to the Petition Date.

11. Subject to the terms set forth herein, any bank, including the Banks, may rely upon the representations of the Debtors with respect to whether any check, draft, wire, or other transfer drawn or issued by the Debtors prior to the Petition Date should be honored pursuant to any order of this Court, and no bank that honors a prepetition check or other item drawn on any account that is the subject of this Final Order at the direction of the Debtors shall be deemed to be nor shall be liable to the Debtors, their estates, or any other party on account of such prepetition check or other item being honored postpetition, or otherwise deemed to be in violation of this Final Order.

12. Any banks, including the Banks, are further authorized to honor the Debtors' directions with respect to the opening and closing of any Bank Account and accept and hold, or invest, the Debtors' funds in accordance with the Debtors' instructions; provided that the Banks shall not have any liability to any party for relying on such representations to the extent such reliance otherwise complies with applicable law.

13. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue engaging in Intercompany Transactions in connection with the Cash Management Systems in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice pursuant to this Final Order; *provided, however*, that there shall be no intercompany loans from the Debtors to any non-debtors, or payment of any prepetition Intercompany Claims by the Debtors, absent further order of the Court. The Debtors shall maintain accurate and detailed records of all transfers, including but not limited to Intercompany Transactions and the payment of Intercompany Claims, so that all transactions, including Intercompany Transactions and the payment of Intercompany Claims, may be readily traced, ascertained, and recorded properly on applicable intercompany accounts (if any) and distinguished between prepetition and postpetition transactions for the purposes of determining administrative expense status. Following entry of this Final Order, the Debtors shall provide

counsel to the Committee and the U.S. Trustee on the last day of each calendar month a schedule of the postpetition Intercompany Balances for each Debtor and non-Debtor affiliate as of the last day of the preceding fiscal month. All postpetition payments from a Debtor to another Debtor or non-Debtor under any postpetition Intercompany Transactions authorized hereunder that result in an Intercompany Claim are hereby accorded administrative expense status under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

14. The Debtors shall calculate quarterly fees under 28 U.S.C. section 1930(a)(6) based on the disbursements of each debtor, regardless of who pays those disbursements.

15. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Final Order shall be construed to (a) create or perfect, in favor of any person or entity, any interest in cash of a Debtor that did not exist as of the Petition Date or (b) alter or impair the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any security interest or lien or setoff right, in favor of any person or entity, that existed as of the Petition Date.

16. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Final Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Final Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in the Motion or this Final Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability

or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

17. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.

18. Nothing in this Final Order authorizes the Debtors to accelerate any payments not otherwise due.

19. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

20. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

21. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.

22. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.

Dated: February 24th, 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

J. KATE STICKLES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE