

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT 22-07

NOTICE TO THE BAR AND THE PUBLIC REGARDING MOTIONS FOR REMOTE APPEARANCES, CHANGES TO RELATED CM/ECF EVENTS, and AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX M

To the Public and Bar, Please Be Advised and Take Notice:

This announcement reviews changes to available CM/ECF motion events for appearing parties to use when requesting remote appearances at scheduled hearings and trials. Pursuant to General Order 2021-04, unless otherwise ordered, *all scheduled hearings, conferences, trials, or evidentiary hearings will be conducted in-person, in the courtroom.*

Any party seeking to participate in a hearing remotely via telephone or video-conference shall file a motion setting forth good cause for the request at least four (4) business days prior to the scheduled hearing. Such requests will be considered on a case by case basis by the presiding judge, and may not be granted. In emergency circumstances only (such as a positive COVID test result for a hearing participant), motions on less than four (4) business days' notice may be considered. Emergency circumstances do not include a lack of planning by an attorney or hearing participant.

Since General Order 2021-04 issued, CM/ECF Filers have used various CM/ECF events to electronically file a motion to appear remotely, including "Request for Telephonic Hearing", "Motion for Order", and "Request". The inconsistency can lead to confusion which has delayed processing time in some instances.

Effective immediately, all motions to appear remotely shall be filed using CM/ECF event "Motion to Appear Remotely," under the *Bankruptcy* or *Adversary* menu categories, as appropriate. Please note that the "Request for Telephonic Hearing" event is no longer available. If the "Motion to Appear Remotely" CM/ECF event is not used appropriately, a party's request to appear remotely may not be considered.

Lastly, Appendix M of our Local Rules (listing motions and applications that *may* be scheduled for hearing) is amended to include "Motions to Appear Remotely." (copy attached)

Dated: December 9, 2022

/s/ Pietro Cicolini

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Clerk of Court

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LOCAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE

APPENDIX M

MOTIONS/APPLICATIONS/PLEADINGS THAT DO NOT FOLLOW CONTESTED MATTER PROCEDURE AND MAY BE SCHEDULED FOR A HEARING

- Any Motion/Application/Pleading filed in an Appeal
- Any Motion/Application/Pleading filed in an Adversary Proceeding
- Application to Pay Filing Fee in Installments
- Application to Waive Filing Fee in a Chapter 7 Case
- Application for Payment of Unclaimed Funds
- Motion for 2004 Examination
- Motion to Appear *Pro Hac Vice*
- Motion to Appear Remotely
- Motion for Approval of Sale Procedures pursuant to L. Bankr. R. 6004-2(d)
- Motion for Authority to Operate Business
- Motion to Bifurcate/Split Joint Case
- Motion to Compel Abandonment
- Motion for Contempt
- Motion to Convert Chapter 7 to 11/12/13 by Debtor
- Motion to Convert Chapter 13 to Chapter 7 by Debtor
- Motion to Dismiss Chapter 13 Case by Debtor
- Motion to Delay Entry of Discharge
- Motion for Extension of Time (see D. Conn. L. Civ. R. 7(b))
- Motion to Extend Time to File Motion to Dismiss pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 707(b)(3) •
- Motion to Expedite Hearing
- Motion to Extend the Automatic Stay
- Motion for Exemption from Credit Counseling
- Motion for Exemption from Electronic Filing
- Motion to Alter or Amend/Modify Judgment pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9023
- Motion for Relief from Judgment or Order/Reconsider/Vacate Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9024
- Motion to Limit Notice/Service
- Motion for Permission to File Simultaneous Petitions pursuant to D. Conn. Bankr. L.R. 1017-1
- Motion to Redact
- Motion to Redeem

- Motion to Reopen
- Motion to Return Fee
- Motion for Sanctions
- Motion to Terminate Wage Deduction Provision in Confirmation Order
- Motion to Withdraw Appearance
- Notice of Proposed Sale of Estate Property pursuant to L. Bankr. R. 6004-1(a)
- Notice of Proposed Abandonment
- Notice of Conversion from 13 to 7 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1307(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1017(f)(3).
- Objection to Claim, (see Notice of Objection to Claim Form, Connecticut Local Form 420B)
- Stipulations Addressing a Pending Motion/Application/Pleading