



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT 2020-04

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURTS DURING COVID-19

REMOTE ACCESS TO TRIALS, HEARINGS, AND CONFERENCES USING THE ZOOMGOV PLATFORM; THE ADDITION OF THE ZOOMGOV CONNECTION INFORMATION TO THE COURT'S ONLINE DAILY PUBLIC CALENDAR; AND ZOOM TEST SESSIONS

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

Pursuant to the Court's General Orders Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19 (see the orders listed at www.ctb.uscourts.gov), most non-evidentiary hearings and conferences before the Court have been held telephonically since March 12, 2020, utilizing court approved telephonic hearing vendors. On June 29, 2020, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut added the ZoomGov platform for remote appearances at trials, hearings, and conferences. Anyone interested in observing trials, hearings, or conferences before the Court, may do so remotely using the same ZoomGov connection information which will appear on the Court's online daily Public Calendar.

There is no cost to use the ZoomGov platform and no requirement to open a Zoom or ZoomGov account. The ZoomGov platform allows remote observance of trials, hearings, and conferences using a phone, the ZoomGov video online platform, or the Zoom app.

Prior to a scheduled trial, hearing, or conference, the ZoomGov connection information will be provided within a Notice of Hearing entered on the docket of a case. The ZoomGov connection information will also be appear on the bottom of the daily Public Calendars available on our website, www.ctb.uscourts.gov. The Public Calendars will provide connection information

for observing trials, hearings, and conferences via video or telephonically. The ZoomGov information will appear as it does in the box below (*the red numbers inserted below are only for instruction and will not appear on Notices of Hearing or on the Public Calendars*):

Courtroom Deputy-BPT is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting.	
Join ZoomGov Meeting https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1610781248?pwd=clhtRGNaU0YzYnlzWGZneTRZM0QT09	1
Meeting ID: 161 078 1234 Password: Test11!!	2
One tap mobile +16692545252,,1610781248#,,1#,012189# US (San Jose) +16468287666,,1610781248#,,1#,012189# US (New York)	
Dial by your location +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose) +1 646 828 7666 US (New York)	3
Meeting ID: 161 078 1248 Password: 012189 Find your local number: https://www.zoomgov.com/u/aefWqMo7u	

1. The web address next to box #1 will allow a participant to copy and paste the address into a web browser and be sent to the ZoomGov webpage where he/she is placed into the video session. This method is the most direct way to enter a session before our Court on the ZoomGov platform, but a computer or mobile device is required to connect this way.
2. The information next to box #2 provides the Meeting ID and the password that a participant manually enters for access to the video portion of the ZoomGov platform. The access is through the ZoomGov.com or Zoom.us websites, or through a Zoom app on a computer or mobile device. This is the same level of access as experienced above in #1, but the participant is joining a ZoomGov meeting by *manually entering* the Meeting ID and Password after visiting the ZoomGov website or app.
3. Box #3 is the information needed for a telephonic connection to a hearing or conference using ZoomGov. Only a telephone is required to connect telephonically. The information next to box #3 provides a phone number (dial the one closest to your location for best quality), Meeting ID, and an *all numeric* Meeting Password/Pin. Participants may use any telephone to connect to their hearing by entering in the information from this section. No ZoomGov or Zoom account is required to connect telephonically using the ZoomGov platform.

ZOOMGOV TEST SESSIONS. The Clerk’s Office has scheduled ZoomGov Test Sessions each week to allow participants, attendees, the public, and members of the bar to test their connection to a ZoomGov meeting by telephone or through the online video platform. Unless the Court is closed, every

Monday at 3:00 PM and every Friday at 10:00 AM, the Clerk's Office will have an active ZoomGov session with a member of our IT department and a Court staff member on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the features of the ZoomGov platform. The connection information for those sessions is provided below.

Please review the "Procedures and Guide for Remote Appearances using ZoomGov". It provides further instruction and best practices while appearing remotely before our Court using the ZoomGov platform and is available on our website at www.ctb.uscourts.gov.



Pietro Cicolini, Clerk of Court

July 8, 2020

ZoomGov Connection Information for Monday and Friday Test Sessions

Mondays:

Topic: USBC-CT Test Session - Mondays at 3pm

Time: Jun 29, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Jun 29, 2020 03:00 PM; Jul 13, 2020 03:00 PM; Jul 20, 2020 03:00 PM;

Jul 27, 2020 03:00 PM; Aug 3, 2020 03:00 PM; Aug 10, 2020 03:00 PM

Join ZoomGov Meeting

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1619994998?pwd=Rm9Pb1g1aVR3b1lSmFpd0tNM2xzZz09>

Meeting ID: 161 999 4998

Password: Test@3pm

Dial by your location

+1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)

+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 161 999 4998

Password: 901721

Fridays:

Topic: USBC-CT Test Session - Fridays at 10am

Time: Jul 10, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Jul 10, 2020 10:00 AM; Jul 17, 2020 10:00 AM; Jul 24, 2020 10:00 AM; Jul 31, 2020 10:00 AM;

Aug 7, 2020 10:00 AM; Aug 14, 2020 10:00 AM; Aug 21, 2020 10:00 AM

Join ZoomGov Meeting

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1615457311?pwd=dVVCTzhWOVJPcUJCMmY4czFpeXJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 161 545 7311

Password: Test@10am

Dial by your location

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+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 161 545 7311

Password: 570404