

NOTICE REGARDING CONDUCT OF HEARINGS
BEFORE JUDGE THOMAS J. TUCKER
JANUARY 18, 2024

Until further notice, the following procedures will apply to conferences, hearings, and trials before Judge Tucker.

1. With the exception of trials in adversary proceedings, and evidentiary hearings in contested matters, and unless otherwise noticed or ordered in a particular case, all conferences and hearings in cases pending before Judge Tucker will be conducted by telephone. Some hearings will be held in person in the courtroom.
2. For hearings that are held in person in the courtroom, out of town counsel may attend by telephone, if they make arrangements to do so with Judge Tucker's courtroom deputy no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the hearing.
3. All trials and evidentiary hearings will be held in person in the courtroom.
4. For the conduct of telephonic hearings, the following procedures will apply:
 - At least five minutes before the scheduled time for hearing, counsel, parties, and all other persons wishing to attend the hearing should call (202) 503-1666 and use Conference ID 654 240 580#. Counsel, parties, and all other persons calling in should place their phone on mute and wait until their case is called. After the case is called, counsel and parties should unmute their phone in order to enter their appearance and to speak, but should keep their phone on mute when not speaking.
 - Anyone who dials into a court hearing is prohibited from placing the court call on hold.
5. The above procedures apply to all telephonic hearings and telephonic conferences with Judge Tucker. This includes all contested matter hearings before Judge Tucker in Chapter 13 cases, which normally begin at 1:30 p.m. on the assigned hearing day, unless the hearing notice states a hearing time of 2:00 p.m. or later. Such contested matter hearings will be held by telephone, unless otherwise noticed or ordered in a particular case.

6. The above procedures do not apply to the status conferences that are regularly scheduled in Chapter 13 cases assigned to Judge Tucker and that are conducted by the Chapter 13 Trustee Tammy L. Terry, and that are noticed for 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., or 11:00 a.m. on the assigned hearing day. The Chapter 13 Trustee, Tammy L. Terry, will contact the parties in advance of the scheduled hearing date in an attempt to resolve all matters. Only unresolved matters will be the subject of a status conference, upon the request of the parties. In any event, counsel and parties are directed not to appear at the courtroom for the status conferences, but instead should contact the Chapter 13 Trustee Tammy L. Terry to obtain instructions as to how to participate in those telephonic status conferences. The telephone number listed above for telephonic conferences and hearings on the record before Judge Tucker is not the telephone number to use for Chapter 13 status conferences conducted by the Trustee.

January 18, 2024

Thomas J. Tucker
United States Bankruptcy Judge