

NOTICE REGARDING CONDUCT OF HEARINGS
BEFORE JUDGE THOMAS J. TUCKER
APRIL 14, 2022

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

1. With the exception of trials in adversary proceedings, and evidentiary hearings in contested matters, all conferences and hearings in cases pending before Judge Tucker will be conducted by telephone.
2. Going forward, Judge Tucker will decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether to continue to conduct trials and evidentiary hearings remotely, rather than in person in the courtroom, through a combination of Webex video conference and telephone audio. Judge Tucker will discuss this with counsel and parties in each individual case, during the final pretrial conference in the case of a trial, and during the scheduling hearing in the case of an evidentiary hearing.
3. For the conduct of telephonic hearings, the following procedures will apply:
 - At least five minutes before the scheduled time for hearing, counsel and parties should call (888) 684-8852 and use Access Code 2388650. Landline connections are much preferred, but cell phone or other telephone services are allowed. Counsel and parties 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.
4. 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.

5. 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 non-evidentiary hearings on the record before Judge Tucker is not the telephone number to use for Chapter 13 status conferences conducted by the Trustee.

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Thomas J. Tucker
United States Bankruptcy Judge