

NOTICE REGARDING CONDUCT OF HEARINGS
BEFORE THE HONORABLE LISA S. GRETCHKO
EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2022

The following procedures shall apply to hearings before Judge Lisa S. Gretchko beginning May 2, 2022:

Unless otherwise specified in a court order, notice of hearing, or docket entry, all trials, evidentiary hearings and other contested hearings (including contested hearings in Chapter 13 cases), and initial status conferences in Chapter 11 cases, will be conducted in person.

Unless otherwise specified in a court order, notice of hearing, or docket entry, status conferences not described in the preceding paragraph, initial scheduling conferences in adversary proceedings, hearings on orders to show cause, and reaffirmation agreement hearings are not considered to be contested hearings and will be held telephonically until further notice.

Telephonic appearances for matters scheduled for in-person hearings or conferences will be permitted for individuals who are (or have recently been) ill, those who are required to quarantine due to recent Covid-19 exposure, those who have other Covid-19 related concerns, and those who have other valid reasons which make them unable to attend the hearing or conference in person.

Each individual is responsible for determining whether they meet these criteria; at this time, the court will not pre-approve remote appearances but will closely monitor how parties choose to appear. This policy is subject to change as public health circumstances continue to change or if abuses or other logistical difficulties arise, in which case the court may impose a more stringent “for cause” requirement. Please advise the Courtroom Deputy, Cheryl London (telephone number: 313-234-0043) and opposing counsel and/or parties if you are planning to appear remotely for a hearing or conference that is scheduled to be conducted in person.

Date: April 14, 2022

Lisa S. Gretchko
United States Bankruptcy Judge