

INFORMATION FOR THE MEDIA

Court Contacts

For questions regarding the City of Detroit (13-53846) filing, members of the media may contact the court's Media Information Officer, Rod Hansen, by email at

Rod_Hansen@mied.uscourts.gov or (urgent matters only) by phone at 313-234-5421. *Please DO NOT contact Judge Rhodes' Chambers or members of his staff for any reason.*

General Information

Please read carefully the Administrative Order Governing Media and Public Conduct, Courtroom Procedure and Decorum: <http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/detroit/13AO032.pdf>

If you need information about the federal court system, consult either of the following documents:

The Journalist's Guide prepared by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, which can be downloaded at <http://www.uscourts.gov/News/JournalistsGuide.aspx>

The Federal Courts and What They Do prepared by the Federal Judicial Center, which can be downloaded at [http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/fctsw06.pdf/\\$file/fctsw06.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/fctsw06.pdf/$file/fctsw06.pdf)

Court Website

The Court has dedicated a website to obtain information about the City of Detroit Chapter 9 case (13-53846). The website address is <http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/apps/detroit/DetroitBK.cfm>

Requesting Documents/Information about the Case, Including Copies of Documents

It is the policy of the Clerk's Office that some documents and audio files pertaining to the City of Detroit case will be posted on the dedicated City of Detroit website. Access to this information can be found under the Quick Links section on the homepage of the website.

In addition to the Quick Link on the website, there are several ways to obtain information about the case. Additional information regarding each option is detailed below.

1. Register for PACER: PACER is the judiciary's electronic method of providing copies of court documents. You may register for PACE at <http://pacer.uscourts.gov>.

There is also a link to PACER on the homepage of the City of Detroit website. There is no registration fee and a fixed number of pages may be viewed or printed without charge. Charges accrue after the user has exceeded the fixed limit. Those charges are provided on the PACER website.

2. View Files on-line at the Clerk's Office: The public may access the record at the public access terminals located on the 17th Floor of the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at 211 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226. Copies of documents may be printed for a charge. Clerk's Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.
3. Sign-up to receive selected updates/notices via social media: The Court will broadcast selected information/links to notices about the City of Detroit case via Twitter, email, and text messaging. Please note that if you currently receive email broadcasts as a registered user of the MIEB CM/ECF system, it is not necessary to sign-up for additional email alerts as listed below.

Please follow the links below to sign-up and receive alerts.

TWITTER: Follow the court's twitter account **@DetroitChapter9** (<http://www.twitter.com/detroitchapter9>) for selected information/links to notices about the City of Detroit case.

TEXT MESSAGES: Go to <http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/apps/detCh9List> to sign up to receive selected information/links to notices about the City of Detroit case. Due to the size limitation of the text messages, please go to the court website for comprehensive information about the case.

EMAIL: Go to <http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/apps/detCh9List> to sign up to receive selected information/links to notices about the City of Detroit case.

4. Access the Court's automated case information line (VCIS): The Court has an automated case information telephone line. To access the information by telephone call 1-866-575-0795.
5. Access the Court's toll free telephone number to check hearing dates: The Court has an automated hearing status line that can be dialed to get up to date hearing information. To access the information by telephone call 1-888-980-8079.

Obtaining Credentials to Attend Hearings/Proceedings

Court hearings will be held in Detroit either at the United States Bankruptcy Court at 211 W. Fort Street or the United States District Court at 231 West Lafayette Blvd. Please check the calendar information on the dedicated website to identify the location of a hearing/proceeding.

Members of the media will be required to obtain court-issued media credentials to attend hearings. See the Administrative Order Governing Media and Public Conduct, Courtroom Procedure and Decorum: <http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/detroit/13AO032.pdf>