

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

**Notice Regarding Conduct of Hearings Before the
Honorable Paul R. Hage Effective October 28, 2024**

The following procedures will apply to hearings before Judge Paul R. Hage beginning October 28, 2024:

Unless otherwise specified in a court order, notice of hearing or docket entry, all trials, evidentiary hearings and other hearings in adversary proceedings and contested matters will be conducted in person.

Unless otherwise specified in a court order, notice of hearing or docket entry, status conferences, initial scheduling conferences in adversary proceedings, hearings on orders to show cause, hearings on motions to extend the automatic stay pursuant to section 362(c)(3)(A),¹ and reaffirmation agreement hearings will be held telephonically.

Telephonic appearances for matters scheduled for in-person hearings will be permitted for individuals who have valid health or other reasons which make them unable to attend the hearing or conference in person.² Please advise the Courtroom Clerk, LaShonda Bryant (313-465-1972) and opposing counsel and/or parties, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing or conference, if you are planning to appear remotely.

At least five minutes before the scheduled time for a hearing, counsel and interested parties appearing telephonically should call (202) 503-1666 and use Conference ID 757 936 035#. Landline connections are 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 before unmuting their phone and participating. Under no circumstances should a phone be placed “on hold” during any part of the call.

Date: October 28, 2024

/s/ Paul R. Hage
United States Bankruptcy Judge

¹ For *contested* stay extension motions, parties are encouraged, but not required, to attend in person.

² At this time, the Court will not pre-approve remote appearances but will closely monitor how interested parties choose to appear. This policy is subject to change if abuses or other logistical difficulties arise, in which case the Court may impose a more stringent “for cause” requirement.