

NOTICE:
**Resumption of In-Court Hearings
and Trials**

On March 15, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee issued a New Notice Regarding Court Operations during COVID-19 Virus Outbreak (“March 15 Notice”), advising that all hearings noticed for the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee would be held telephonically unless arrangements otherwise were made with the chambers staff of the presiding judge. Having found that the public health crisis has sufficiently diminished to allow resumption of normal operations, the court hereby rescinds the March 15 Notice. The court will resume in-court hearings and trials effective on the following dates:

Matters set in the Knoxville division: June 1, 2021

Matters set in all other divisions: July 12, 2021

Future hearings should be scheduled and noticed as in the past in accordance with the provisions of E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1. For all matters set for hearing after those dates, notices should no longer contain the following additional statement required by the March 15 Notice:

Given the current public health crisis, hearings may be telephonic only. Please check the court’s website www.tneb.uscourts.gov prior to the hearing for instructions on whether to appear in person or by telephone. Information on how to call in and participate is also posted on the website.

Individual judges may have additional requirements for requesting telephonic hearings in special circumstances when health concerns remain an issue for a hearing participant. Counsel and parties are advised to consult the presiding judge’s page on the court’s website for that judge’s requirements and protocols.

If you have any questions about a specific case, please contact the chambers of the judge presiding over your matter.

Shelley D. Rucker
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

May 20, 2021