

September and October 2021 Hybrid Hearing Protocol For Chattanooga and Winchester

Because of increasing cases and hospitalizations due to a surge in the COVID-19 virus, Judge Whittenburg finds that cause exists to relax his requirements for in-person attendance at hearings on the motion dockets set in Chattanooga for September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and October 7, 14, 21, and 28; and set in Winchester for September 7 and 20, and October 4, and 18. **For the motion dockets set on these dates, any attorney, debtor, creditor, or party in interest may attend by telephone if notice is given to the courtroom deputy, Ms. Sheri Lowe, by phone at (423) 779-1249 or by email at sheri_lowe@tnb.uscourts.gov on or before 3:00 p.m. on the business day preceding the scheduled hearing date. Permission to attend telephonically is granted without the necessity of filing of a motion or showing additional cause for these dates.** Judge Whittenburg will continue to hold court in the courtroom on these dates and you should plan on attending in person unless you have timely provided notice of intent to appear by telephone.

All persons electing to participate in the hearings should follow the instructions contained in the “[Information for Participating in Hearing by Telephone](#)” on the court’s website.

If no person timely requests to participate in the hearings by phone, the court will not open the AT&T phone line.

Nicholas W. Whittenburg
United States Bankruptcy Judge