

Accessibility Accommodations & Hearing Impaired/Communications Disabilities Notice

Notice Regarding Sign Language Interpreters & Other Auxiliary Aids & Services

It is the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States that all Federal courts provide reasonable accommodations to persons with communications disabilities.

If you are a debtor (the person who filed bankruptcy), a creditor (a person owed money from the debtor) or other interested party to the bankruptcy case and you are deaf, hearing impaired, or have other communication disabilities, **a sign language interpreter or assisted listening device** will be provided either by the Bankruptcy Court, or a sign language interpreter will be provided by the United States Trustee, depending on the hearing, without charge.

Assisted listening headsets are available for use by those with hearing impairments and are available in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Greeneville, and Winchester. See the courtroom clerk upon entering the courtroom to request a headset.

To request a sign language interpreter for a hearing or trial set **before the bankruptcy judge**, please contact the courtroom deputy for the presiding judge no later than five business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

Chief Judge Suzanne H. Bauknight:	Heather Connatser	(865) 545-4284
Judge Nicholas W. Whittenburg:	Sheri Lowe	(423) 752-5260
Judge Rachel Ralston Mancl:	Kimberly Easterly	(423) 638-2264

Pursuant to *The Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 5, § 255.40, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee has designated the Office of Fair Employment Practices (OFEP) as the court's Access Coordinator. Please direct all inquiries for accessibility accommodations to the courtroom deputy for the presiding judge as indicated above.

To request a sign language interpreter for a Meeting of Creditors hearing, which is conducted by the trustee, contact the following no later than fourteen business days prior to the meeting:

Tisha Doll
Office of the United States Trustee
(423) 752-5153