

## Judge Brand's Procedures Regarding Telephonic Appearances and Requests for Priority and Second Call

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Judge Brand suspended her prior telephonic hearing procedures. **Effective Monday, January 10, 2022**, Judge Brand will hold hearings in person. Parties appearing in person must comply with all applicable guidelines of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California regarding social distancing, use of face masks, etc., which may be in effect at the time of the hearing.

Parties may also appear for hearings remotely using the services of Zoom for Government ("ZoomGov"), which permits remote participation by video or by telephone. For more information on appearing before Judge Brand, please refer to the information entitled "**PROCEEDINGS BEFORE JUDGE JULIA W. BRAND REVISED INTERIM PROCEDURES RE: COVID-19 Updated December 8, 2021**" under the tab "Instructions/Procedures." **Please check back for updates.**

### Telephonic Appearances

Telephonic appearances before Judge Julia W. Brand in Courtroom 1375 are generally allowed without prior approval. No telephonic appearances are allowed on the following types of matters:

1. Sale Motion
2. Cash Collateral Motion
3. Motion for Post-Petition Financing
4. Disclosure Statements
5. Chapter 11 Plan Confirmation
6. Evidentiary Hearings
7. Chapter 13 Plan Confirmation
8. Reaffirmation Agreements

In order to appear telephonically, counsel must follow the following procedure:

**Standard Procedure:** Telephone appearances may be arranged by calling Court Call, an independent conference call company no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day prior to the hearing. Court Call may be reached at (888) 882-6878.

**Emergency Procedure:** If an unexpected emergency arises that prevents counsel from following the Standard Procedure, counsel must obtain the courtroom deputy's approval to appear telephonically. The courtroom deputy will only approve late requests for legitimate and unanticipated emergencies. The courtroom deputy may be reached at [213-894-7341](tel:213-894-7341).

Once approved, counsel must contact Court Call to arrange a telephonic appearance. If Court Call is not able to accommodate counsel's late request or if the Judge's courtroom deputy denies the request, counsel will not be permitted to appear telephonically and counsel must make an appearance in court.

**Individuals choosing to appear telephonically do so at their own risk. Hearings generally will not be rescheduled due to missed connections. Furthermore, in deciding to appear telephonically,**

**counsel is agreeing to waive any prejudice attributable to quality deficiencies or irregularities of the record that may result.**

**Please be advised that poor reception will cause counsel's appearance to be disconnected. Repeated poor connections may cause counsel to be barred from future telephonic appearances.**

**Please note that individuals requesting to appear by telephone may not also request second call. The Court will grant only one accommodation at a time.**

If an individual schedules a telephonic appearance and then fails to respond to the call of the matter on calendar, the Court may pass the matter or may treat the failure to respond as a failure to appear. Before appearing telephonically, please check Judge Brand's calendar and review any [tentative rulings](#) which can be found on webPACER.

### **Requests for Priority and Second Call**

The attorney cannot request second call for more than 5 matters on a relief from stay or chapter 13 confirmation calendar. When the attorney requests priority or second call, a reason must be given for the judge to consider the request. If no reason is given, then the request for priority or second call will be denied.

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