

Judge Brand's Procedures Regarding Phone/Video Appearances and Requests for Priority and Second Call

Judge Brand holds 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.

Phone/Video Appearances

Phone/video appearances before Judge Julia W. Brand in Courtroom 1375 are generally allowed without prior approval. Parties may file an application to appear via Zoom for Government ("ZoomGov") on in person matters for good cause shown. No phone/video appearances are allowed on the following types of matters:

1. Sale Motion
2. Cash Collateral Motion
3. Motion for Post-Petition Financing
4. Disclosure Statement
5. Chapter 11 Plan Confirmation
6. Trials and Other Evidentiary Hearings
7. Chapter 13 Plan Confirmation
8. Motion to Dismiss Adversary
9. Motion for Summary Judgment

Parties may appear via phone/video for hearings remotely using the services of ZoomGov, which permits remote participation by video or by telephone. Hearing participants and members of the public may view and listen to hearings before Judge Brand using ZoomGov free of charge. Video and audio connection information for each hearing will be provided on Judge Brand's publicly posted hearing calendar, which can be viewed online at: <http://ecf-ciao.cacb.uscourts.gov/CiaoPosted> and going to "Select Judge" Julia W. Brand to see the Court's Tentative Rulings Viewing Calendar. Individuals may appear by ZoomGov video and audio using a personal computer (equipped with camera, microphone and speaker), or a handheld mobile device (such as an iPhone). Individuals may participate by ZoomGov audio only using a telephone (standard telephone charges may apply). Neither a Zoom nor a ZoomGov account are necessary to participate and no pre-registration is required.

Unless otherwise ordered by Judge Brand, no party or witness may appear remotely for any trial or evidentiary hearing.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS MAY ONLY CONNECT TO THE ZOOM AUDIO FEED, AND ONLY BY TELEPHONE. ACCESS TO THE VIDEO FEED BY THESE INDIVIDUALS IS PROHIBITED. IN THE CASE OF A TRIAL OR EVIDENTIARY HEARING, NO AUDIO ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS MAY OBSERVE SUCH PROCEEDINGS IN PERSON.

ALL PERSONS (OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED COURT STAFF) ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM MAKING ANY AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, BY ANY MEANS. VIOLATION OF THIS PROHIBITION MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF MONETARY AND NON-MONETARY SANCTIONS.

Please read “Tips for a Successful ZoomGov Court Experience” posted on Judge Brand’s section of the Court’s website. If you appear by video, you must have a professional background. If you intend to speak at the hearing, please find a quiet place from which to participate.

All participants (whether attending in person or remotely) must observe the formalities of the courtroom, exercise civility, and otherwise conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the dignity of the Court. This includes appropriate courtroom attire for those participants appearing in person or by video.

Individuals choosing to appear via phone/video do so at their own risk. Hearings generally will not be rescheduled due to missed connections. Furthermore, in deciding to appear via phone/video, 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 phone/video appearances.

If an individual 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 via phone/video, 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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