

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING COURT PROCEDURES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

PROCEDURES CURRENTLY IN PLACE AS OF AUGUST 8, 2020

In view of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Judge Wallace adopts the following measures until further notice:

1. Unless a tentative ruling states “Appearances Not Required,” telephonic appearances are required for ALL matters ***EXCEPT*** as discussed below in numbered paragraph 2. Persons appearing telephonically are deemed to have assumed the risk of a faulty, disconnected or missed connection. Hearings generally will not be rescheduled due to faulty, disconnected or missed connections.

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The following matters will be continued and will not be heard at the present time unless the Court determines otherwise and then only after a status conference is held to determine whether all participants are agreeable to appearing in person: (1) Trials; and (2) Evidentiary hearings.

2. Any chapter 13 plan not being confirmed may be continued without telephonic appearance if the Chapter 13 Trustee consents and all creditors who have filed objections inform the Chapter 13 Trustee of their consent. **The telephonic appearance of debtor’s counsel at a chapter 13 plan confirmation hearing is excused if the confirmation of the plan is on the Chapter 13 Trustee’s consent calendar.**
3. **Compliance with LBR 5005-2(d) (requiring Judge’s Copies) shall occur by mailing pleadings (*25 pages or more including exhibits*) to the court via the U.S. Postal Service or courier service to the Chambers of Judge Mark S. Wallace, 411 W. Fourth Street, Suite 6135, Santa Ana, CA 92701 so that Judge’s copies are timely received in advance of the hearings. Failure of the movant to timely mail Judge’s Copies to the court may result in the Court continuing the hearing on the motion. If no hearing is required, failure of the movant to promptly mail the Judge’s Copy may result in *substantial* delay in processing of any lodged order.**
4. Although the Court had planned to reopen on an optional basis for in-person appearances on August 17, 2020, those plans are now cancelled – **THE COURT REMAINS CLOSED TO IN-PERSON APPEARANCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**