## **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA 100 OTIS STREET, ROOM 112 ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28801-2611

GEORGE R. HODGES JUDGE **TELEPHONE (704) 350-7575** 

## ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in an effort to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease, **ALL ASHEVILLE HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2020 WILL BE CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY.** If evidence needs to be presented in your case or you anticipate extensive argument, you will need to either continue the matter to a future hearing date in Asheville or contact chambers (704-350-7575) for a special setting. If the court is unable to understand a party or attorney appearing telephonically for technical reasons, the court will continue the hearing to a future date.

All parties with matters scheduled for hearing April 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. should dial-in at 9:40 a.m.

All parties with matters scheduled for hearing in chapter 13 and 7 cases for April 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. should dial-in at 9:10 a.m.

All parties with matters scheduled for hearing in chapter 11 and 12 cases for April 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. should dial-in at 10:40 a.m.

The dial-in information will remain the same for telephonic hearings scheduled in the month of April 2020.

Teleconference Number: 1-888-684-8852

Access Code: 6204691# Security Code: 6602#

Additional information:

<u>Please dial in using a landline if possible</u>. The use of a cell phone is discouraged due to dropping connections. If you choose to use a cell phone and the connection is dropped, you may not have immediate access to reconnect to the courtroom. **Once court starts, the phone line will be locked to avoid disruptions in court.** When all of your matters have been heard, the court will advise you when it is appropriate to disconnect.

UNTIL YOUR CASE IS CALLED, please activate the mute button and do not place the call on hold as it causes a disruption on the phone line and in court.

We appreciate your patience during this unprecedented public health challenge and wish you all continued safety and good health. Please contact chambers at 704-350-7575 or email <a href="mailto:hearings@ncwd.net">hearings@ncwd.net</a> if you have any questions or concerns.