

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
17 South Park Row  
ERIE, PA 16501

NOTICE TO COUNSEL - AMENDED TELEPHONE HEARING PROCEDURE

In an effort to accommodate the Bar and reduce travel expense, the Court will allow counsel to appear by telephone for NON-EVIDENTIARY hearings. The Courtroom is equipped with an audio system which can be connected to the telephone line in Court (at 814-464-9783).

1. ADVANCE NOTICE

If you wish to arrange to participate in a hearing by telephone, you must ADVISE THE COURT - AND OPPOSING PARTIES - WELL IN ADVANCE - AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS DAY - by 5:00 p.m. Otherwise, you must appear in person.

2. TWO OR MORE PARTIES

(a) There is only one telephone line into the Courtroom. If two or more parties are to appear by telephone, the party initiating the call must have the other parties (except those appearing in Court) on the line BEFORE connecting to the Court line.

(b) If you are joining one - or more - parties on the call in addition to yourself, it is REQUIRED that you use a COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE SERVICE (i.e., MCI, Sprint, AT&T); otherwise, the transmission is often degraded to an inaudible level. Using a speaker phone is not permitted.

3. WHEN THE COURT LINE IS BUSY

If the Court line is busy, it means there is another telephone hearing in progress. You must continue to try your call at intervals until you reach the Courtroom. There is no one in Chambers while Court hearings are in session; therefore, do not leave messages on the Chambers' voice mail during the scheduled hearing times.

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