

# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

## **NOTICE**

The following revised procedure will be implemented on February 1, 2017, at the recommendation of the Ch. 13 Trustee, as approved by Judge Agresti, for all conciliations scheduled in the Erie Division in order for the Erie procedure to track the existing Pittsburgh procedure:

***Effective February 1, 2017***, telephonic participation by counsel for Chapter 13 debtors in Erie conciliation conferences will no longer be permitted unless specially authorized by the Court or with the consent of the Trustee.

The Court and Trustee will consider requests for telephonic participation upon a showing of “extraordinary cause,” that is, unforeseen material circumstances arise interfering with counsel’s ability to personally appear. Such requests should be emailed to [jpail@chapter13trusteewdpa.com](mailto:jpail@chapter13trusteewdpa.com) or made by Motion filed with the Court.

Participation by non-local counsel for creditors shall continue to be permitted.