

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

NOTICE OF HYBRID AND IN-PERSON ONLY HEARINGS BEFORE JUDGE JEFFERY A. DELLER

It is the observation of Judge Jeffery A. Deller that the administration of cases will be enhanced by the addition of an “in-person” docket before Judge Deller. Judge Deller reaches this conclusion because “in-person” hearings foster further dialogue between counsel, promote consensual resolution of disputes, and eliminate communication problems that occur as a result of the usage of remote technologies. Accordingly, Judge Deller has added (effective for hearings self-scheduled on or after November 1, 2023) self-scheduled hearing dates that are for “in-person” hearings only. “In-person” hearings are conducted in the Pittsburgh or, as the case may be, Johnstown locations only. Remote technologies will not be utilized for “in-person” hearings absent leave of Court.

As a general matter, Judge Deller prefers in-person hearings. However, Judge Deller also recognizes that holding hearings for certain uncontested matters or certain routine non-evidentiary matters utilizing remote technologies (such as Zoom) is beneficial and/or economical. In this regard, Judge Deller has designated various self-scheduled hearing dates as being “hybrid” hearing dates. A “hybrid” hearing is one for which any counsel and/or a litigant may choose to attend either in-person or remotely (utilizing the Zoom Video Conference Platform).

Consistent with these changes, Judge Deller has revised the Notice of Hearing Form to be used when self-scheduling motions and/or applications. These forms are posted at [Judge Jeffery A. Deller Webpage](#) and shall be used for self-scheduling hearings from and after November 1, 2023.