

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #137 ON MASS CALENDARS FOR CHAPTER 13
MOTIONS TO DISMISS, CHAPTER 13 PLAN CONFIRMATIONS, AND
MOTIONS FOR RELIEF FROM STAY**

WHEREAS it appears to the Court that telephonic hearings for announcements regarding mass calendars chapter 13 motions to dismiss, chapter 13 plan confirmations, and motions for relief from stay have worked well during the time the Court has not conducted in-person hearings; and

WHEREAS the Court wishes to continue to follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's and other public health organizations' guidance to maximize social distancing opportunities and limit the risk of exposure to people that might occur in crowded courtrooms as the court resumes in-person hearings;

NOW THEREFORE, effective July 13, 2020, these procedures will apply for all Bankruptcy Court locations and hearings therein in the Middle District of Georgia henceforth, regardless of the status of the pandemic or other future public emergency:

IT IS ORDERED that at the beginning of each mass calendar for chapter 13 motions to dismiss, chapter 13 plan confirmations, and motions for relief from stay, the court will hold a telephonic hearing to take announcements on cases resolved by agreement. The telephonic hearings will be held via AT&T call-in numbers. The call-in number and access code for each judge is:


Judge	Call-in Number	Access Code	Security Code
Judge Smith	1-877-336-1839	7930011	None
Judge Carter	1-888-398-2342	5569600	None
Judge Laney	1-888-684-8852	8196200	None

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IT IS ORDERED that at the conclusion of the telephonic hearing, the court will convene an in-person hearing to hear all remaining cases not resolved before or during the telephonic hearing. However, in appropriate circumstances, the Court may adjourn and reschedule any such unresolved cases; and

IT IS ORDERED that no later than 3:00 p.m. on the last business day* before each hearing, parties will advise the appropriate courtroom deputy of (1) the cases that they anticipate will need an in-person (or virtual) hearing; (2) the number of attorneys, parties, and witnesses anticipated for each case; and (3) the estimated time each case will require.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2 day of July, 2020.


JAMES P. SMITH
Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

*The original version of this order called for notification "...no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before each hearing." This amended version clarifies that notification should be made on the last business day before each hearing. July 27, 2020