

HONORABLE JAMES W. BOYD'S REMOTE HEARING PROCEDURES

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1. Unless otherwise specified in a court order, notice of hearing, docket entry, or in paragraph 2 herein, all hearings, trials, status conferences, and pretrial conferences shall be conducted in person.¹
2. Remote appearances via Zoom videoconferencing shall be permitted for:
 - a. Hearings on approval of reaffirmation agreements.
 - b. Chapter 13 confirmation hearings that are subject to an agreement to adjourn the hearing.
 - c. Hearings on other matters that, prior to the scheduled hearing, have been resolved by stipulation or are subject to an agreement to adjourn the hearing. This provision shall not apply to hearings for which notice has been given to the creditor mailing matrix (except as set forth in paragraph 2(b), above) or to hearings scheduled by the court.
 - d. Second, third, or fourth pretrial conferences, provided that all requirements of prior pretrial orders have been satisfied.

Attorneys or parties who are monitoring a matter for which in-person appearances are required, but who do not wish to actively participate in the hearing, may also appear by videoconferencing.

3. Attorneys and parties are responsible for determining whether they qualify to appear by videoconferencing. Attorneys and parties appearing by videoconferencing for matters identified in paragraph 2, above, need not contact the court in advance of the hearing.
4. Please note that only parties and their attorneys may appear remotely using Zoom. Members of the public who want to observe must do so in person in the courtroom.

To ensure remote access is limited, parties and attorneys appearing remotely will not be automatically admitted to the Zoom call but will first be placed in the "waiting room." Court staff will then admit parties and attorneys from the waiting room after confirming they have a matter on the call. To be admitted, parties and attorneys must identify themselves by first and last name. Parties and attorneys who appear

¹ In the event of exigent circumstances (e.g., illness), attorneys and parties may request to appear by videoconferencing. *Attorneys and parties wishing to appear remotely due to exigent circumstances should immediately contact Jessie Koerth at (616) 456-2290 so that the court, in its discretion, may determine whether to proceed by video or adjourn the matter to a future date on which the hearing may be conducted in person.*

late for a hearing (i.e., after court is in session) and who cannot be adequately identified will not be admitted to the hearing.

4. For Marquette hearings only, any attorney or party who is required to appear in person may appear either in the Marquette courtroom or in the Grand Rapids courtroom. Attorneys and parties shall advise the court whether they will be appearing in Marquette or Grand Rapids by emailing Courtroom Deputy Jessie Koerth, jessie_koerth@miwb.uscourts.gov, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

Remote court appearances will continue to occur via Zoom videoconferencing. If you meet the above criteria for appearing remotely at a scheduled hearing, or if your remote appearance is otherwise permitted by a court order or notice, you may join the Zoom conference using the following log-in information:

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16141082837>

Meeting ID: 161 4108 2837

Passcode: 281319

Dial by your location:

+1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)

+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 161 4108 2837

Passcode: 281319

Prior to the hearing, each participant should review Judge Boyd's Guidelines for Participation in Video Hearings via Zoom, available at <https://www.miwb.uscourts.gov/content/judge-james-w-boyd> under the "Remote Hearing Procedures" tab.