

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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Updated Public Notice Regarding Status of Bankruptcy Court Operations, and Attendance by Telephone at Court Hearings

To limit the transmission of COVID-19, the United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Florida [Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach divisions] will continue to remain **CLOSED** to the public for in-person hearings and for the in-person filing of documents.

CM/ECF registered users may continue to electronically file new cases and documents. Persons not represented by counsel may transmit to the Clerk of Court for filing, new cases and documents by electronic transmission to a dedicated email address. [See <u>Administrative Order 2020-07</u> for important details].

Effective Monday, August 1, 2020, unless directed otherwise, all Bankruptcy Judges in this Court will hold telephonic hearings in all pending cases using Court Solutions as the designated telephonic service provider. To appear telephonically, you will need to create a CourtSolutions account, visit: www.court-solutions.com/SignUp. A reservation to use Court Solutions must be made by no later than 3:00 p.m. one business day before the date of the hearing. If you are unable to register online, you may make a reservation by calling (917) 746-7476.

The cost of each daily telephonic appearance is a flat fee of \$50 per day/per judge. If you do not appear for your hearing, you will not be charged. Moreover, if you have multiple hearings in a single day, you will only be charged a single flat fee of \$50 for the day, even if you hang up and dial back in later in the day for a subsequent hearing. If you are not represented by an attorney, CourtSolutions will allow you to register without paying a fee. All questions about account setup or the website can be answered at http://help.court-solutions.com or by contacting CourtSolutions at info@Court-solutions.com.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation during this time.

Joe Falzone Clerk of Court

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