

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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RICHARD JONES
CLERK OF COURT
U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
CINCINNATI, OHIO

IN RE

GENERAL ORDER NO. 35-5

ORDER REGARDING MATTERS
SCHEDULED BEFORE THE COURT
THROUGH JULY 31, 2020

The Court entered General Order 35-4 on May 8, 2020, setting forth the Court's procedures for conducting any trial, hearing, or conference (collectively, "Matter") scheduled through July 1, 2020. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts continue to recommend the exercise of caution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with this advice, General Order 35-4 is amended and superseded as follows:

1) Until and including **July 31, 2020**, any Matter scheduled in a courtroom that does not involve the presentation of evidence (documentary or testimonial) shall be conducted telephonically. Each Chambers will address the logistics of any telephonic Matter. To the extent the parties intend to present evidence, each judge assigned a particular Matter will determine, by separate order, whether the Matter may proceed, or may post a notice on the judge's webpage stating whether such Matter will proceed, telephonically, in-person, or will be continued. All parties are encouraged to raise with the Court and all parties the ability to conduct any hearing for a Matter telephonically. Parties are directed to the individual judge's webpage on the Court's internet site for further information. Each judge retains the discretion to proceed otherwise by separate order entered on a case-by-case basis.

2) To the extent not addressed in this general order, all orders entered in individual cases or adversary proceedings, and all response dates for filing answers, responses, motions, other filings, or taking any other action provided by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or this Court's Local Bankruptcy Rules shall remain binding.

Unless amended by July 31, 2020, this General Order will lapse on August 1, 2020, and have no further effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 5, 2020

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffery P. Hopkins", is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Judge Jeffery P. Hopkins
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio