

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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

IN RE

GENERAL ORDER NO. 35-8

ORDER REGARDING MATTERS
SCHEDULED BEFORE THE COURT
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Court entered General Order 35-7 on August 3, 2020, setting forth the Court's procedures for conducting any trial, hearing, or conference (collectively, "Matter") scheduled through October 30, 2020. Based upon the current COVID-19 statistics for the Southern District of Ohio, the Court believes it is in the best interest of everyone concerned to extend this general order until further notice. Accordingly, General Order 35-7 is amended and superseded as follows:

1) **Until further notice**, any Matter scheduled in a courtroom that does not involve the presentation of evidence (documentary or testimonial) shall be conducted by teleconference or videoconference. Each Chambers will address the logistics of any Matter conducted by teleconference or videoconference. 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, by teleconference, by videoconference, 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 by teleconference or videoconference. 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.

This general order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 17, 2020

FOR THE COURT



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