

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF HAWAII**

In re:

COURT OPERATIONS.

GENERAL ORDER  
DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

**ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS**

This order supersedes all prior orders regarding court operations in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In consideration of the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023, the following procedures apply in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii.

**Entry to the Courthouse:**

- Courthouse Open. The courthouse at 1132 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii is open to the public. However, individuals should continue to follow guidelines regarding COVID-19 issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Information may be found at this the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19.html>.
- Exposure to COVID-19. Individuals who have had COVID-19 or other respiratory infection within the previous 5 days should not enter the courthouse. Such individuals should appear at or observe hearings remotely using Zoomgov.com (audio only).
- Face Coverings. Individuals not infected with COVID-19 but not feeling well should consider appearing remotely but if entry to the courthouse in person is necessary, such individuals are encouraged to wear a face covering, use hand sanitizers, and observe social distancing.

**Hearings and Trials**

- Trials and Evidentiary Hearings. Unless the court orders otherwise, trials and evidentiary hearings scheduled to commence on or after May 1, 2022, are being held in-person. For parties, attorneys, or witnesses not physically located on

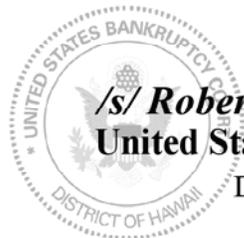
Oahu or for other good cause, the court will consider requests for video participation. Such requests must be submitted to [calendar@hib.uscourts.gov](mailto:calendar@hib.uscourts.gov) not later than 28 days before the date of trial and must include a statement that the individual has the technical means to participate by video for testimony and presentation of exhibits.

- Non-Evidentiary Hearings. Unless the court orders otherwise, commencing **October 16, 2023**, all non-evidentiary hearings will be held in the courtroom. However, counsel and parties have the option to appear remotely using Zoomgov.com (audio only). Advance permission to appear remotely is not required. Any recording or broadcasting of a hearing is strictly prohibited and may result in sanctions. The public may also listen live to hearings using Zoom audio or may observe proceedings in person in the courtroom. Connecting to the courtroom:
  - Computer audio: Go to Zoomgov.com, enter Meeting ID: **161 789 3766**, Passcode: **1132**.
  - Phone: Call **(833) 568-8864** (toll-free), enter Meeting ID: **161 789 3766**, Passcode: **1132**. To mute/unmute, tap **\*6**.

NOTE: Parties preparing future notices of non-evidentiary hearings to be held after **October 16, 2023** must include the information below (notices already served do not need to be modified).

The hearing on this matter will be conducted both in the courtroom at the United States Bankruptcy Court at 1132 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, and remotely (audio only). Parties may elect to participate remotely: Join the Meeting at Zoomgov.com with computer audio or by phone at (833) 568-8864 (toll-free). Meeting ID: 161 789 3766, Passcode: 1132.

**SO ORDERED.**

 **/s/ Robert J. Faris**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**  
Dated: 09/18/2023