

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF HAWAII

In re:

COURT OPERATIONS IN
RESPONSE TO COVID-19
PANDEMIC.

GENERAL ORDER
DATED MARCH 23, 2020

**ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and directives by federal, state, and local officials and agencies to limit public gatherings, the court has weighed the right of the public to open access to the court against the need to protect the safety of the public, including the health of all those entering and working in the court. Given the compelling need for the court to protect the health and safety of the public and court employees, the following restrictions will be in place for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii until May 3, 2020, unless extended or otherwise ordered by the court.

Restrictions on Court Proceedings:

- All trials and evidentiary hearings scheduled to commence between March 23, 2020 and May 3, 2020, are continued. New dates will be announced hereafter.
- All non-evidentiary hearings and scheduling conferences will be conducted telephonically or will be taken off the court's calendar pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7.1 (made applicable by LBR 1001-1(d)), unless otherwise ordered in a specific case.
- Parties may participate in, and media and the public observe, a hearing by using the toll-free teleconference number and access code listed below. Parties must call in 10 minutes prior to the scheduled hearing time to check in with the courtroom deputy. Recording or broadcasting a telephonic hearing is prohibited. Further instructions regarding teleconference protocols may be found at the court website.

- **Toll-free number:** (866) 390-1828
- **Access code:** 3287676

Any questions regarding telephonic appearances may be addressed to the courtroom deputy at calendar@hib.uscourts.gov or by calling (808) 522-8113.

Restrictions on Entry to the Clerk's Office:

- **Effective immediately, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii is closed to the public until May 3, 2020.**
- Online filings will continue to be processed via the CM-ECF electronic system. Paper documents may be submitted for filing via U.S. Mail or courier service, or may be placed in a drop box located outside the courthouse entry. Filed documents may be viewed online using PACER.gov (information regarding PACER is posted at the court website: www.hib.uscourts.gov).
- Online payments will continue to be processed using Pay.gov. Payments by check or money order will be accepted by mail at:

United States Bankruptcy Court
District of Hawaii
1132 Bishop Street, Suite 250
Honolulu, HI 96813.

CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- Bankruptcy forms and information about filing a bankruptcy petition are available at the court website: www.hib.uscourts.gov.
- For all other matters or questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at (808) 522-8100.

This order supersedes the Order Regarding Court Operations in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic, issued March 17, 2020.

SO ORDERED.



/s/ Robert J. Faris
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: 03/23/2020