

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

DISTRICT OF HAWAII

In re:

COURT OPERATIONS.

GENERAL ORDER
DATED APRIL 30, 2024

ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS

This order supersedes all prior orders regarding court operations issued 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 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.
- 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, all trials and evidentiary hearings will be conducted in-person. For parties, attorneys, or witnesses not physically located on Oahu or for other good cause, the court will consider requests for remote participation by video. Such requests must be submitted to 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. Remote access is limited to the parties - the public may not access any live testimony by audio or video.
- Non-Evidentiary Hearings. Unless the court orders otherwise, all non-evidentiary hearings will be held in the courtroom. However, counsel and parties have the option to appear remotely using Zoomgov.com. Participants may appear by audio or video (courtroom attire is required for appearances by video). Advance permission to appear remotely is not required. The public may also listen to or watch non-evidentiary hearings using Zoom or may observe proceedings in person in the courtroom. Any recording or broadcasting of a hearing is strictly prohibited and may result in sanctions.

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 notices of non-evidentiary hearings must include the following information.

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 by audio or video. To participate remotely: Join the Meeting at Zoomgov.com with computer audio/video 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: 04/30/2024