



## GENERAL ORDER 2020-2 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING COVID-19 VIRUS

In balancing the needs of those seeking relief from our court with evolving and expanding public health considerations related to the COVID-19 virus, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky has considered information available from national, state, and local resources. Effective immediately and until further notice, telephonic appearances and participation will be broadly available to parties in order to limit personal contact in court spaces. While not necessarily available in all circumstances, those wishing to participate telephonically in a previously scheduled hearing should contact the appropriate Courtroom Deputy at (502)627-5600 to verify that she has your correct telephone number. In addition, parties are encouraged to work together to continue matters to later hearing dates when it is practical and appropriate to do so. Finally, it is anticipated that during the course of this public health event, the Court may find itself operating with reduced staff. While our goal remains to effectively serve the bar and the public, we appreciate your patience as resources may be stretched.

Charles R. Merrill, Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Western District of Kentucky, has confirmed that 341 Meetings of Creditors scheduled in all four divisional offices from March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020, will be postponed and rescheduled to a later date.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Clerk's Office will be open to the public on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm through March 27, 2020.

As the situation with COVID-19 virus evolves, so will our court's response to it. Any additional changes will be communicated as soon as they are determined. We are doing our part to be responsible global citizens in response to this public health event.

Honorable Alan C. Stout, Chief Judge  
and  
Elizabeth H. Parks, Clerk of Court

Dated: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020