

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC CONCERNING  
SCHEDULED HEARINGS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED  
BY CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, due to COVID-19, hearings may proceed telephonically or by videoconference, rather than in person (or “in open court”).** At this time, unless an order is issued setting a matter for hearing in open court, or the matter is specially noticed, it will be heard virtually, and parties will not be permitted to access the courtroom. Parties should consult the Court’s website, [www.ncmb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ncmb.uscourts.gov), or call the Clerk’s Office at 336-358-4000 prior to any scheduled hearing to determine if this policy has changed.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT,** if a hearing proceeds in open court, parties must comply with the Court’s Standing Order Regarding Entrance and Hearing Protocols for the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19, as may be amended from time to time.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** all attorneys, witnesses and parties wishing to attend a telephonic hearing or conference must:

- (1) Not use speaker phone.
- (2) Call from a quiet area, where background noise is minimal.
- (3) Wait until the judge calls their case before speaking.
- (4) Clearly state their name each time before speaking.
- (5) Put their phone on mute until their case is called, but NOT put the phone on hold at any time after the call is connected.

Pursuant to Local Rule 5073-1, audio and video recording of court proceedings by any party without permission is prohibited. This applies to all proceedings, whether held in open court, telephonically, or by videoconference.

## **Dial-In Numbers For Attending Court Hearings By Audio**

When attending court by way of audio, please use the number and access code that corresponds to the presiding judge.

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Dial-In Number</b>	<b>Access Code</b>
Judge James	866-434-5269	2732206
Judge Aron	888-363-4735	6733082
Judge Kahn	877-848-7030	8852513