

Craig A. Gargotta
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

H. Christopher Mott United States Bankruptcy Judge

Tony M. Davis
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Michael M. Parker United States Bankruptcy Judge

Ronald B. King

United States Bankruptcy Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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AMENDED ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

This Amended Order is issued in support of this Court's efforts to resume normal operations in the Western District of Texas. Recognizing that guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to ease requirements for fully vaccinated individuals, and that the safety threat resulting from this public health crisis has reduced significantly, the court provides the following direction:

- 1. All proceedings held in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas shall be conducted pursuant to the hearing notice, either in-person, by Webex video meeting, by teleconference, or a combination of these methods.
- 2. Parties attending in-person proceedings shall follow the guidance posted at the public entrance in each facility. Those protocols apply to fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Within court facilities, any fully vaccinated individual may wear a mask and maintain social distancing if desired.

- 3. Parties will follow any additional protocols ordered by a Judge in a specific proceeding.
- 4. All proceedings held by Webex video meeting shall be accessed using the link for each respective Judge's court as follows:

| Chief Judge Craig A. Gargotta | https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/Gargotta |
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| Judge H. Christopher Mott | https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/Mott |
| Judge Tony M. Davis | https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/Davis |
| Judge Michael M. Parker | https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/Parker |
| Judge Ronald B. King | https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/King |

For detailed instructions on how to connect to a proceeding held by Webex, please refer to the Court's internet website at https://www.txwb.uscourts.gov/txwbvirtualhearings.

5. All proceedings held by teleconference shall be accessed by calling each respective Judge's court as follows:

| Chief Judge Craig A. Gargotta | (650)479-3207 Access Code 160-591-1937 |
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| Judge H. Christopher Mott | (650)479-3207 Access Code 160-357-6609 |
| Judge Tony M. Davis | (650)479-3207 Access Code 160-704-4630 |
| Judge Michael M. Parker | (650)479-3207 Access Code 2305-728-3687 |
| Judge Ronald B. King | (650)479-3207 Access Code 160-686-6761 |

6. For questions or requests for accommodations for proceedings, please contact the appropriate Judge's Courtroom Deputy:

| Lisa Elizondo (Gargotta) | Lisa_Elizondo@txwb.uscourts.gov |
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| Ronda Farrar (Mott) | Ronda_Farrar@txwb.uscourts.gov |
| Jennifer Lopez (Davis) | Jennifer_Lopez@txwb.uscourts.gov |
| Deanna Castleberry (Parker and King) | Deanna_Castleberry@txwb.uscourts.gov |

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that effective **Tuesday**, **November 2**, **2021**, all proceedings held in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, unless otherwise noticed, shall be conducted in the manners stipulated in this order.

This order does not extend to first meetings of creditors.