

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

### **PUBLIC NOTICE: Policy for Providing Interpreters and Services to Hearing-Impaired and Other Persons with Communication Disabilities**

In accordance with the [Judicial Policy](#) adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States, this Court provides reasonable accommodations and services to hearing-impaired and other persons with communication disabilities. When authorized, the Court may provide and pay for spoken and sign language interpreters or other appropriate auxiliary aids and services to parties, attorneys, and witnesses participating in court proceedings who are deaf, hearing-impaired, or have other communication disabilities. The Court will attempt to provide a requested auxiliary aid or service unless another equally effective means of communication is available, or if use of the means requested would fundamentally alter the nature of the Court proceeding, or pose an undue financial or administrative burden.

For purposes of this *Policy*, court proceedings include trials, hearings, court sponsored alternative dispute resolution programs, ceremonies and other public programs or activities conducted by the Court. Meetings of creditors held pursuant to Section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code are not court proceedings subject to this *Policy*. Requests for auxiliary aids and services must be made to the appropriate Access Coordinator as stated below.

**Use of Infrared Assisted Listening Device:** Each courtroom is equipped with an infrared assisted listening device. To request use of the infrared assisted listening device, contact the Access Coordinator (Courtroom Deputy) for the judge presiding at the court proceeding at least **24 hours** before (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) the scheduled proceeding start time.

(415) 268-2323 (Judge Montali)

(415) 268-2362 (Judge Blumenstiel)

(510) 879-3529 (Judge Novack)

(510) 879-3533 (Judge Lafferty)

(510) 879-3541 (Judge Efremsky)

(408) 278-7578 (Judge Hammond)

(408) 278-7556 (Judge Johnson)

**Use of Interpreter, or Other Auxiliary Aid or Service:** All other requests for a spoken or sign language interpreter, or other auxiliary aid or service, must be submitted in writing to the Access Coordinator listed below, at least **two weeks** prior to the date set for the proceeding, by completing an *Application for Services to Persons with Communications Disabilities*, available at the Clerk's office or the Court website at [www.canb.uscourts.gov](http://www.canb.uscourts.gov) >Persons With Disabilities.

#### **By Mail:**

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