

**Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of California**

**Statement Concerning Chambers/Courtroom Operations
Through April 30, 2020**

(as of March 31, 2020)

Based on guidance received from the Centers for Disease Control and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts concerning advisable precautions in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, Judge Blumenstiel advises as follows concerning the operation of her chambers and courtroom through at least April 30, 2020.

Chambers Operations. Judge Blumenstiel’s Law Clerks and Courtroom Deputy will work remotely as necessary during this period. Counsel and litigants should expect orders to be reviewed and processed promptly, as usual. Consistent with Paragraph C of Judge Blumenstiel’s Practices & Procedures and with Amended General Order 38 (dated March 30, 2020), no party should submit chambers copies of any pleading or other document filed with the court.

Courtroom Operations. Consistent with Amended General Order 38, all hearings scheduled in Judge Blumenstiel’s cases through April 30, 2020 will be conducted telephonically – the courtrooms in San Francisco and Salinas will be closed to the public. All parties who wish to appear at hearings must make arrangements with CourtCall to appear telephonically. Instructions for arranging a telephonic appearance via CourtCall can be found on the court’s website: www.canb.uscourts.gov > Rules and Procedures > District Procedures > Policy and Procedure for Appearances by Telephone. For parties without counsel, there will be no cost associated with arranging a telephonic appearance through CourtCall.

Requests for Expedited Hearings. Any party that wishes a matter to be heard on an expedited basis should follow existing procedures for requesting such relief. Each request will be considered promptly, in the ordinary course of business.

Other Court Operations. Please review Amended General Order 38, Amended General Order 39 (dated March 30, 2020), and General Order 40 (dated March 30, 2020), as well as the additional information posted to the court’s website: www.canb.uscourts.gov, for more information concerning bankruptcy court operations. Should you have questions, please call 888-821-7606 or click on the “Click Here for Live Helpdesk” button on the court’s website.

Judge Blumenstiel will update this statement as necessary over the next several weeks.