

**Procedures for Noticing and Conducting Hearings  
Assigned to Chief Judge Stephen L. Johnson in the San Jose Division  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California  
(Effective September 1, 2023)**

Effective September 1, 2023, all debtors, creditors, counsel, and other interested parties shall comply with the following procedures when noticing or participating in hearings in cases assigned to Chief Judge Stephen Johnson. The failure to comply with these procedures may result in hearing dates being vacated or continued.

Judge Johnson conducts hearings in three ways: (1) remote hearings (“Remote Hearings”) conducted by video or telephone (e.g., by Zoom or equivalent), in which there are no personal appearances in the courtroom, (2) hybrid hearings (“Hybrid Hearings”), in which each party or lawyer can elect whether to attend in person in the courtroom, or by video/telephone, and (3) in-person hearings (“In-Person Hearings”), which requires parties and lawyers to appear in the courtroom, subject to prior exception approved by the court.

Litigants and interested parties should refer to Chief Judge Johnson’s calendars, which are posted to the court’s website, to determine whether a particular calendar will be conducted in-person, by video, and/or by telephone.<sup>1</sup>

For general open calendar procedures, please continue to refer to the San Jose Division’s Open Calendar Procedure.<sup>2</sup>

### Remote Hearings

These matters are conducted solely as Remote Hearings:

- Fee Applications and Final Accounts in Chapter 7 and 11 Cases
- Chapter 13 Main Case Contested Confirmation and Motions (by telephone only)
- Chapter 11 Status Conferences
- Case Management Conferences in Adversary Proceedings

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.canb.uscourts.gov/judge/johnson/calendar>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.canb.uscourts.gov/procedure/san-jose/calendar-procedures-san-jose-division>

- Reaffirmation Agreements (by telephone only)

### Hybrid Hearings

These matters are conducted solely as Hybrid Hearings:

- Motions for Relief from Stay (all chapters)
- General Motions in Chapter 7 and 11 Cases
- Chapter 11 Disclosure Statements Approval and Confirmation
- Motions in Adversary Proceedings

### In-Person Hearings

These matters are conducted solely as In-Person Hearings:

- Trials
- Evidentiary Hearings (hearings at which testimony will be taken)

### Notice of Hearings (applicable only to Remote and Hybrid Hearings)

When a hearing is set for Remote or Hybrid Hearing, the notice of hearing must specify how the matter will be heard by including the following language:

- Remote Hearings

“The hearing on this matter will take place remotely by video or telephone. No in-person appearance in the courtroom is available.

The Bankruptcy Court’s website provides information regarding how to arrange an appearance at a video or telephonic hearing. If you have questions about how to participate in a video or telephonic hearing, you may contact the courtroom deputy, Anna Lee, at (408) 278-7517 or email her at: [anna\\_e\\_lee@canb.uscourts.gov](mailto:anna_e_lee@canb.uscourts.gov).”

- Hybrid Hearings

“The hearing on this matter will take place in-court using hybrid technology. Each party or lawyer can elect to appear in person in court, or remotely by video/telephone. In-person appearances are not required but are optional. The hearing will be conducted in the presiding judge’s courtroom.

If you choose to appear by video or telephone, refer to the Bankruptcy Court’s website which provides information regarding how to arrange an appearance.

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**Notices of hearing that do not contain the designated language may be stricken and the hearing may be vacated.**