

Scheduling Matters in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Cases

In the interest of efficiency and convenience, Judge Walker will be modifying some of his case management practices and hearing availability over the next few months. This is a good time to test some new procedures as filings are down and we continue to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 by not requiring parties to appear in person. The first changes will be to the Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 motion dockets which will no longer be held on Tuesdays. All matters - whether scheduled by the Court or via 9013 - will be heard on the dates listed below at 11:00 a.m. through August 2021. The call-in information is: Phone number 888-363-4749 Access Code 7250422. This information has already been updated on the 9013 Availability Calendar on the Court's website:

<i>March 3, 2021</i>	<i>June 9, 2021</i>
<i>March 24, 2021</i>	<i>June 25, 2021</i>
<i>April 7, 2021</i>	<i>July 15, 2021</i>
<i>April 16, 2021</i>	<i>July 21, 2021</i>
<i>May 5, 2021</i>	<i>August 11, 2021</i>
<i>May 26, 2021</i>	<i>August 18, 2021</i>

Parties who have scheduled trials between now and September 1, 2021 will receive amended trial orders rescheduling those matters. Additionally, matters that are to be specially set, will be heard at 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. on the above referenced dates.

The next six months will be a test period and Judge Walker will evaluate whether to maintain the modified hearing schedule or make additional changes. Judge Walker will continue to look for new ways to manage cases and administer justice as we emerge from the current COVID-19 driven restrictions on in-person hearings.