UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Effective January 1, 2027, all hearings and conferences scheduled to be held in the courthouses comprising the Manhattan, White Plains, and Poughkeepsie Divisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, S.D.N.Y. will be conducted on a hybrid basis, at which some parties may appear remotely while other parties appear in person. Whether parties must appear in person or may appear remotely will be subject to the individual practices of the judge assigned to the case but otherwise will be governed by the following guidelines.

Any party that wishes to present argument, question witnesses, or otherwise participate in a **contested** hearing in an adversary proceeding or in a chapter 7, chapter 11, or chapter 15 case—other than a chapter 11 "first day" hearing—is required to appear in the courtroom in person (either through counsel if the party is represented by counsel or individually if the party is self-represented), unless otherwise indicated by the judge assigned to the case. All other matters, including uncontested matters, status conferences, discovery conferences, chapter 13 matters, and chapter 11 "first day" hearings will proceed in the manner set forth in the judges' individual Chambers Rules. Solely for purposes of these guidelines, a contested hearing is any hearing on a motion, or on confirmation of a plan, where a written objection has been filed with respect to the relief requested. A status conference or pretrial conference on a matter where no motion is pending does not constitute a contested hearing.

Parties who wish to participate in a contested hearing, but who would like to do so remotely, must seek leave in advance for good cause shown from the judge assigned to the case. If you are representing yourself without a lawyer and appearing in person would pose a hardship, please contact the chambers of the judge assigned to the case to inquire about the potential availability of accommodations, including the possibility of appearing remotely.

To the extent a contested matter in a chapter 7, chapter 11, or chapter 15 case or in an adversary proceeding is resolved, so that the matter is no longer contested, the parties must inform the judge's chambers at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing for that matter to proceed remotely. Except when testimony is taken, anyone who wishes to listen to a contested hearing **and does not intend to participate** may still do so remotely without requesting prior permission from chambers, unless otherwise provided in the judge's Chambers Rules.

Additional information regarding hearing procedures may be found in the judges' respective Chambers Rules. Please contact the chambers of the judge that you are appearing before with any questions or for further clarification.