



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT 22-01

**NOTICE TO THE BAR AND THE PUBLIC REGARDING RETURN TO IN-PERSON
CALENDAR**

To the Public and Bar, Please Be Advised and Take Notice:

As ordered in General Orders 2021-04 and 2022-01, all scheduled hearings, conferences, trials and evidentiary hearings before the Court will be conducted in-person, in the courtroom, unless otherwise ordered. At this time, the effective date of the return to in-person hearings is February 1, 2022. In preparation of the public's and bar's return to the courtroom, this announcement contains information and guidance on courtroom procedures and protocols aimed to provide a safe return for all.

The number of occupants in the courtroom during calendar hearings will be limited. The entrance to each courtroom will be controlled by a new online calendar, **Next Call Calendar**, available on the court's webpage at webpage at: <https://www.ctb.uscourts.gov/NextCall> (see more detailed information below). Hearing participants must not enter the courtroom until their case is displayed on the Next Call Calendar. If a case is not displayed on the Next Call Calendar, participants in that hearing must wait their turn outside of the courtroom.

In addition, in each division of the Bankruptcy Court,

- Facemasks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn at all times while in the Courthouse spaces, unless otherwise ordered by the Court;
- Seating for waiting hearing participants within the courtroom will be limited and marked with designated areas to maintain social distancing;
- At least two hand sanitizer stations are available – one at the Clerk's Office intake area and another at the entrance of each courtroom;
- Several floor and desktop HEPA air filter units are placed within each courtroom; and
- CO2 monitors are in each courtroom to monitor the air quality in the courtroom.

The Next Call Calendar is viewable from your smart phone, computer, or any device with an internet connection. To provide additional reference points, the Clerk's Office will post digital displays in the hallways outside of each courtroom (as shown in the picture). The digital displays will update automatically and should not be touched or moved. Again, more information about Next Call Calendar can be found on our webpage at: <https://www.ctb.uscourts.gov/NextCall>.



For hearing participants entering the courtroom and waiting for their case to be called, available seating in the courtrooms will be marked by social distancing markers on the floor in front of each pew. Seating is limited to only spaces marked with a social distancing marker. If no seating is available, you must wait outside of the courtroom until more seating becomes available.

Thank you.

January 25, 2022
Date

/s/ Pietro Cicolini
Clerk of Court