

**NOTICE TO ALL LITIGANTS AND LAWYERS WITH MATTERS IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio has evaluated ongoing court operations in light of the state of emergency in the State of Ohio declared by Governor Mike DeWine in Executive Order 2020-01D issued on March 9, 2020. Like all organizations, businesses and individuals, we are trying to balance the developing public health concerns of our employees and the general public against ongoing operational requirements, in our case those of a high- volume trial court.

Unless and until notified otherwise in general or by a Judge in a specific matter or set of matters, we remain open to accept filings and conduct scheduled hearings and Court appearances. We are nevertheless mindful of the public health concerns raised by the COVID-19 disease and the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes it. Lawyers, their clients and litigants must carefully monitor and evaluate their own health situations for the well-publicized disease symptoms. The Court strongly encourages the filing of requests for continuances in situations of any health concern, also being careful with privacy concerns in making any such request of the Court.

Please do not hesitate to bring any concerns or questions about a particular matter or situation to the attention of appropriate Court staff, including to determine whether a personal appearance is required or another reasonable accommodation and alternative to requesting a continuance might be possible under the circumstances.

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