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Telephonic 341 meeting of creditors during Covid-19 Emergency **Instructions for Testifying Debtors and Counsel**

- *Please call in promptly (only during time scheduled).*
- *Mute your telephone until your case is called.*
- *Call in number and passcode will be on docket 3 days before meeting.*
- *Ensure Debtor has read Bankruptcy Information Sheet before meeting.*

No later than one day prior to the Designated Meeting time, the debtor and/or their counsel are required to email the trustees with an imaged copy of the debtor's photo identification **and** proof of the debtor's social security number ("Identification Documents") A copy of the Debtor's identification and proof of social security number must be provided to the trustee via a secure method, i.e., portal, encrypted email, etc. Identification Documents shall be those documents deemed acceptable in accordance with current applicable procedures.

Telephonic appearances shall be conducted in accordance with current applicable procedures for telephonic meetings. Accordingly, a Declaration Regarding Administration of Oath and Confirmation of Identity and Social Security Number form shall be completed by the individual performing this function and transmitted to the trustee immediately following the meeting (attachment #1).

Alternatively, if compliance with the procedures set forth above are not possible or practical under these emergent circumstances, the debtor's attorney may submit prior to the time of the scheduled meeting a declaration confirming that: (1) the attorney met with the debtor in-person; and (2) the attorney examined and verified the debtor's original identification documents and social security number. In such situations, upon notification by the debtor and/or their counsel that they are using the alternate procedures, the trustee will administer the oath telephonically at the commencement of the 341 meeting. (attachment #2).