

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT  
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19**

**FIFTH GENERAL ORDER**

This Order is issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and is intended to provide guidance to the public and the bar regarding the operations of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maine during the Covered Period. The Fourth General Order remains in full force and effect, except as follows:

- a. The term “Covered Period” refers to the period ending on August 31, 2020.
- b. Paragraph 1 of the Fourth General Order is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the

following new Paragraph 1:

**1. Telephonic Hearings.**

- A. Except as provided in Paragraph 2 below, for any pleading, motion, application, or other request filed on the docket during the Covered Period, any hearing set with respect to such pleading, motion, application or other request must be telephonic (even if the hearing is anticipated to occur after the end of the Covered Period).
- B. Parties intending to enter an appearance during a telephonic hearing are directed to register with CourtCall at 1-866-582-6878, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the last business day prior to the hearing. Any member of the public wishing to observe a hearing must contact the Clerk’s office for instructions on how to utilize a conference call service. The Court’s prohibition on the use of cell phones for telephonic participation (whether through CourtCall or otherwise) is temporarily lifted.
- C. Notwithstanding any Local Rule or prescribed Local Form, any notice of a hearing that will take place telephonically must include sufficient information regarding participation in the hearing. For example, a notice of hearing might provide as follows:

The United States Bankruptcy Court will conduct a TELEPHONIC hearing on [matter], a copy of which accompanies this notice, on [date] at [time].

In-person appearances are generally not allowed at this time due to restrictions related to COVID-19. Those wishing to participate in the hearing are required to register with CourtCall at 1-866-582-6878, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the last business day before the hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Date: July 22, 2020

/s/ Peter G. Cary  
Peter G. Cary, Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

/s/ Michael A. Fagone  
Michael A. Fagone, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court