

Hearing Procedures

This division holds initial confirmation hearings on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. unless Monday is a federal holiday. If there is a Monday holiday, the hearings **may** be held on Thursday. These hearings are scheduled at the filing of the case and noticed with the 341 hearing notice. Except as set forth below, appearance at these hearings is required by counsel for the Debtor and *pro se* Debtors. If there are no outstanding objections to the plan and a verification of confirmable plan is filed **two court days prior** to the hearing (usually by the close of business on Thursday), the plan will be immediately reviewed for confirmation. **The verification must contain all the elements of the form of verification set forth on this chambers website, including a statement that the Debtor is substantially current with plan payments to the Chapter 13 Trustee.** If the confirmation order is entered, no appearance is required.

Continued confirmation hearings are set on a trailing docket on Mondays at 10:15 a.m., unless the parties notify the Court at the initial confirmation hearing that an evidentiary issue exists that will take more than 15 minutes to resolve, in which case the Court will set a separate hearing. If there are no outstanding objections to confirmation and a verification of confirmable plan is filed **two court days prior** to the hearing (usually by the close of business on Thursday), the plan will be reviewed for confirmation and the hearing may be vacated. If the hearing is held, it will be used as a status and scheduling conference to set a final evidentiary hearing. Attorneys and *pro se* debtors are required to appear in person. No telephonic appearances will be allowed unless there are unusual or exceptional circumstances.