

Telephonic Appearances
Honorable Joseph G. Rosania, Jr.
Courtroom B

- I. General-
The Court urges counsel or *pro se* parties to appear in person at all hearings and trials.
- II. Appearances by Telephone **ARE** Allowed as Follows:
- a. Thursday non-evidentiary Chapter 13 Confirmation hearings only if the Certificate and Motion to Determine Notice is timely filed (4 days prior to the hearing pursuant to L.B. Rule 3015-1). Parties can confirm whether a telephonic appearance is allowed by checking the Court's docket.
 - b. Reaffirmation Agreement hearings as set forth in the Court's notice of hearing.
 - c. If the Court's notice of hearing specifically provides for telephonic appearance or if a telephonic appearance is approved by the Court after a timely filed motion.
- III. Appearances by Telephone **ARE NOT** Allowed as Follows:
- a. Counsel and *pro se* parties are required to personally appear at preliminary hearings on motions for relief from stay absent a timely filed motion setting forth cause and entry of an order approving telephonic appearance.
 - b. Evidentiary hearings or adversary proceeding trials require counsel, *pro se* parties and witnesses to be present in the courtroom. The Court prefers to receive evidence in person unless the Court has approved a timely filed motion which sets forth the extraordinary circumstance requiring the telephonic appearance.
- IV. Procedure
It is critical that the Court obtain an accurate record of all hearings. If the privilege of appearing by telephone is authorized as set forth above, parties may connect by dialing into the Court's Conference Bridge as follows:
- The Phone Number is **1-888-684-8852**
- The Access Code is **9369782#**
- Counsel and Parties must use land lines.
- Counsel and Parties are not allowed to use speaker phones.
- Counsel and Parties are not allowed to record the telephonic hearing.
- Counsel and Parties who violate the above rules may be excluded from appearing by telephone at the discretion of the Court.