

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS**

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

On March 16, 2020, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas suspended in person hearings until further notice in recognition of and in deference to the possible pandemic ramifications of the COVID-19 virus. Since that time, the Bankruptcy Clerk's offices in both Little Rock and Fayetteville, Arkansas, remained open and operational. In addition, the court conducted hearings and trials telephonically, by video conferencing, and in person.

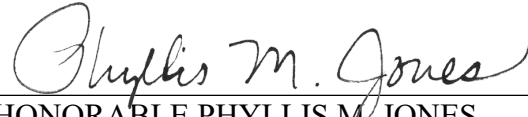
On March 1, 2022, the court resumed in person hearings and trials in all divisions; however, the court continued to conduct remote proceedings when practicable. The court also developed guidelines for conducting in person hearings and trials for the Central and Fayetteville (including Harrison cases) divisions. The same guidelines, in addition to any guidelines required by local practices, were enforced in the Delta, El Dorado, Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Northern, and Texarkana divisions. This order addresses a change in policy.

Beginning February 7, 2023, the court will resume operations as they existed prior to the pandemic. There are no specific guidelines for in person proceedings. During in person proceedings in courtrooms, procedures and requirements shall be at the discretion of the presiding judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2023.

FOR THE COURT



HONORABLE PHYLLIS M. JONES
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



HONORABLE RICHARD D. TAYLOR
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



Date: 02/07/2023

HONORABLE BIANCA M. RUCKER
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE