

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California
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FREDRICK E. CLEMENT
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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Date: September 27, 2023

Re: Zoom Appearances
Redux

An Open Letter to the Bar:

Six months ago, or slightly longer ago, we implemented the use of Zoom appearances for routine matters, e.g., law and motion hearings and status conferences. Now that we have been living with this new procedure for a while, it seems appropriate to revisit the issue and ask the bar and the trustees: (1) what is working and what isn't working; and (2) how can we improve the use of this technology?

We, the collective bench, are interested in hearing from you about these matters. No later than October 25, 2023, please send your comments to me in writing. You may do so either (1) by letter addressed to Fredrick E. Clement, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, 501 I Street, Suite 3-200, Sacramento, CA 95814; or (2) if you prefer, particularly for shorter comments, by clicking [here](#) or by sending an email to localrules@caeb.uscourts.gov. If you are comfortable, please do provide your name and telephone number; frequently, we have follow-up questions or comments that we would like to discuss with you. I will personally see that your comments are brought to the attention of each member of the bench and that your thoughts are considered. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Fredrick E. Clement