



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
Eastern District of California

Judge **Fredrick E. Clement**  
Sacramento Federal Courthouse  
501 I Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Courtroom 28, Department A  
Sacramento, California

DAY: MONDAY  
DATE: JANUARY 5, 2026  
CALENDAR: 1:00 P.M. DISGORGEMENT CALENDAR

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Unless otherwise ordered, all matters before Chief Judge Fredrick E. Clement shall be simultaneously: (1) **IN PERSON** at Sacramento Courtroom No. 28, (2) via **ZOOMGOV VIDEO**, (3) via **ZOOMGOV TELEPHONE**, and (4) via **COURTCALL**.

You may choose any of these options unless otherwise ordered or stated below.

All parties who wish to appear at a hearing remotely must sign up by 4:00 p.m. **one business** day prior to the hearing.

Information regarding how to sign up can be found on the **Court Appearances** page of our website at:

<https://www.caeb.uscourts.gov/Calendar/CourtAppearances>

Each party who has signed up will receive a Zoom link or phone number, meeting I.D., and password via e-mail.

If the deadline to sign up has passed, parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the Courtroom Deputy for the Department holding the hearing.

Please also note the following:

- Parties in interest may connect to the video or audio feed free of charge and should select which method they will use to appear when signing up.
- Members of the public and the press appearing by **ZoomGov** may only listen in to the hearing using the zoom telephone number. Video appearances are not permitted.
- Members of the public and the press may not listen in to the trials or evidentiary hearings, though they may appear in person in most instances.

To appear remotely for law and motion or status conference proceedings, you must comply with the following guidelines and procedures:

- Review the [Pre-Hearing Dispositions](#) prior to appearing at the hearing.
- Review the court's [Zoom Procedures and Guidelines](#) for these, and additional instructions.
- Parties appearing via CourtCall are encouraged to review the [CourtCall Appearance Information](#).

If you are appearing by ZoomGov phone or video, please join at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the calendar and wait with your microphone muted until the matter is called.

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## PRE-HEARING DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS

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### RULINGS

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling.

**"No Ruling"** means the likely disposition of the matter will not be disclosed in advance of the hearing. The matter will be called; parties wishing to be heard should rise and be heard.

**"Tentative Ruling"** means the likely disposition, and the reasons therefor, are set forth herein. The matter will be called. Aggrieved parties or parties for whom written opposition was not required should rise and be heard. Parties favored by the tentative ruling need not appear. However, non-appearing parties are advised that the court may adopt a ruling other than that set forth herein without further hearing or notice.

**"Final Ruling"** means that the matter will be resolved in the manner, and for the reasons, indicated below. The matter will not be called; parties and/or counsel need not appear and will not be heard on the matter.

### CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED RULINGS

On occasion, the court will change its intended ruling on some of the matters to be called and will republish its rulings. The parties and counsel are advised to recheck the posted rulings after 3:00 p.m. on the next business day prior to the hearing. Any such changed ruling will be preceded by the following bold face text: **"[Since posting its original rulings, the court has changed its intended ruling on this matter]"**.

### ERRORS IN RULINGS

Clerical errors of an insignificant nature, e.g., nomenclature ("2017 Honda Accord," rather than "2016 Honda Accord"), amounts, ("\$880," not "\$808"), may be corrected in (1) tentative rulings by appearance at the hearing; or (2) final rulings by appropriate *ex parte* application. Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(a) *incorporated* by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9024. All other errors, including those occasioned by mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect, must be corrected by noticed motion. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 60(b), *incorporated* by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9023.

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1. 25-21705-A-13    **IN RE: SARAH SMITH**  
FEC-1

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION  
4-10-2025    [1]

JAMES MOOTZ/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DEBTOR DISMISSED: 08/28/25

**Final Ruling**

This matter is duplicative of further proceeding by this court, Order, ECF No. 50, and is dropped. The Order, ECF No. 50, remains in full force and effect.

2. 25-21705-A-13    **IN RE: SARAH SMITH**  
FEC-2

FURTHER HEARING RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION  
4-10-2025    [1]

JAMES MOOTZ/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DEBTOR DISMISSED: 08/28/25

**Final Ruling**

The court is satisfied that the respondent counsel has complied with this court's order. Compare, Order, ECF No. 50 (requiring additional disgorgement of \$1,512), with Mootz decl., ECF No. 54 (showing disgorgement). The matter is resolved, and counsel is commended for his resolution of the matter. No appearance is necessary.

3. 25-25808-A-7    **IN RE: JOSE/SOLEDAD GALVAN**  
CAE-1

CONTINUED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO FILE DOCUMENTS  
10-29-2025    [13]

CHRISTIE LEE/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DEBTORS DISMISSED: 11/10/25  
DISCLOSURE, ECF NO. 21

**Final Ruling**

The Disclosure of Compensation, Form B2030, has been filed. Disclosure of Compensation, ECF No. 21. The order to show cause is dropped and no appearance is necessary.

4. 25-25835-A-7     **IN RE: DANNY TUCKER**  
FEC-1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
12-8-2025    [25]

DAVID FOYIL/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DEBTOR DISMISSED: 11/20/25  
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

**Final Ruling**

The court is satisfied that the value of the service rendered equals or exceeds the retainer taken. The matter is dropped, and no appearance is necessary. A civil minute order shall issue.

5. 25-24244-A-7     **IN RE: MELVIN TANNER**  
FEC-1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
11-20-2025    [49]

BRIAN HADDIX/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DEBTOR DISMISSED: 11/19/25

**No Ruling**

6. 25-22262-A-13     **IN RE: JAMES HUDGENS**  
FEC-1

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
11-24-2025    [76]

NADA DHAHBI/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DEBTOR DISMISSED: 11/04/25  
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

**No Ruling**

7. 25-22382-A-7     **IN RE: NICHOLAS/SAVANNAH TRUSAS**  
CAE-1

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO FILE DOCUMENTS RE:  
DISCLOSURE OF ATTORNEY COMPENSATION  
12-1-2025    [110]

MARK SHMORGON/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DISCLOSURE, ECF NO. 113

**Final Ruling**

The Disclosure of Compensation, Form B2030, has been filed.  
Disclosure of Compensation, ECF No. 113. The order to show cause is dropped and no appearance is necessary.

8. 25-26692-A-13     **IN RE: FRANCISCO RUIZ AND IRMA FUENTES**  
CAE-1

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO FILE DOCUMENTS RE:  
DISCLOSURE OF ATTORNEY COMPENSATION  
12-5-2025    [14]

ARETE KOSTOPOULOS/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
DISCLOSURE, ECF NO. 17

**Final Ruling**

The Disclosure of Compensation, Form B2030, has been filed.  
Disclosure of Compensation, ECF No. 17. The order to show cause is dropped and no appearance is necessary.