



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California**

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

DAY: MONDAY
DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2026
CALENDAR: 9:00 A.M. CHAPTER 9 AND 11 CASES

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.

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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

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.

1. [25-26906](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JOSEPH SMITH**
[CAE-1](#)

STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
12-9-2025 [\[1\]](#)

JOSEPH SMITH/ATTY. FOR MV.

Final Ruling

Since the meeting of creditors was held and further continued, the status conference is continued to February 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Not later than February 9, 2026, the debtor shall file the status report. Order, ECF No. 16.

2. [25-23639](#)-A-11 **IN RE: MATTHEW CRON**
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
7-17-2025 [\[1\]](#)

JUDSON HENRY/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

The status conference is continued to May 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in Department C before the Honorable Christopher M. Klein. Not later than 14 days prior to that date the debtor shall, and any other party may, file a status report.

3. [25-27352](#)-A-11 **IN RE: EDWARD L. AUEN, PH.D., M.D., INC.**

ORDER TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY A PATIENT CARE OMBUDSMAN
SHOULD NOT BE APPOINTED
1-5-2026 [\[5\]](#)

DAVID JOHNSTON/ATTY. FOR DBT.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Final Ruling

This case was dismissed on January 21, 2026. The Order to Show Cause is discharged. No appearances are required.

4. [25-21691](#)-A-11 **IN RE: REGINALD HUTCHERSON
[CAE-1](#)**

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
4-9-2025 [[1](#)]

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

The status conference is concluded. No appearance is necessary.

5. [25-22194](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JJ PFISTER DISTILLING COMPANY, LLC**

CONFIRMATION OF AMENDED PLAN
12-16-2025 [[137](#)]

STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

6. [25-22194](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JJ PFISTER DISTILLING COMPANY, LLC
[CAE-1](#)**

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
5-2-2025 [[1](#)]

STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

7. [25-22194](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JJ PFISTER DISTILLING COMPANY, LLC
[RLC-21](#)**

MOTION TO ESTIMATE CLAIM
1-13-2026 [[156](#)]

STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

8. [25-26906](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JOSEPH SMITH**

MOTION TO SELL FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS O.S.T.
1-15-2026 [\[24\]](#)

JOSEPH SMITH/ATTY. FOR MV.

Final Ruling

The motion has been resolved by separate order. No appearance is necessary.