

**U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
HONORABLE RENÉ LASTRETO II**

**PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING
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Parties in interest and members of the general public may appear by video, free of charge, using Zoom for hearings before the Honorable René Lastreto II.

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1. Before appearing, review the pre-hearing dispositions at: www.caeb.uscourts.gov/Calendar/PreHearingDispositions.aspx
2. Zoom Chat is disabled and is not permitted during court proceedings.
3. Cameras are to remain on for all participants appearing on matters.
4. The court permits the use of virtual backgrounds to safeguard your privacy. If you choose to use a virtual background, please avoid backgrounds that are offensive or distracting.
5. Listening-only participants: Please turn off your camera, remain on mute, and type "Listen Only" before your name.
6. Wait until the judge calls on you, so parties are not talking simultaneously.
7. When you first speak, state your name, and if you are an attorney, whom you represent. Do not make your argument until asked to do so.
8. When you make your argument, please pause from time to time so that the judge can ask a question or anyone else can make an objection.
9. If the judge does not see that you want to speak or forgets to call on you, please say so when other parties have finished speaking. The "chat" function is unavailable.

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Before Every Court Session While Using Zoom

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- Video connection information for each hearing will be provided on Judge Lastreto's posted pre-hearing disposition calendar.
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- Make sure your internet connection is good. You can test your connection at <https://www.speedtest.net/>. A more detailed walkthrough on testing your home internet connection is available [here](#).
- Test your audio and video at <https://zoomgov.com/test>.
- Turn off all audio disruptions, such as phones, messaging alerts, email alerts, etc.

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