

Telephone Conferences and Requests to Appear By Telephone

- The court allows telephonic appearance at many non-evidentiary hearings. The hearing notice will indicate whether the parties may appear by telephone.
 - To appear by telephone (when authorized in the hearing notice), parties must call into the hearing using the telephone number and access code stated in the hearing notice. This is an open line, and the court may be holding hearings on other matters. Please wait quietly for the clerk to call the case. All parties should mute their telephones until their case is called.
- All witness testimony must occur in open court, unless the court grants permission pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9017, and all parties desiring to examine witnesses or present evidence must appear in the courtroom.
- Parties or counsel desiring to monitor evidentiary hearings but not present evidence or conduct examination may appear by phone. Any interested party who desires to monitor an evidentiary hearing or trial can call chambers by 4:00 p.m. the day before the evidentiary hearing and notify chambers staff that they will be appearing by telephone. No written request is required; a telephone call is sufficient.