

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of )  
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**CASE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES )**  
**DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC )**  
**EMERGENCY )**  
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**Amended Administrative Order**  
**No. 20-1A**

On March 17, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California entered its Order of the Chief Judge No. 18 ("Order 18"), which detailed certain procedures to be followed for cases pending in the District Court based on the judicial emergency resulting from the coronavirus health crisis. Order 18 also noted that the United States Bankruptcy Court remained open to conduct its judicial business. Order 18 did not establish specific procedures to manage the cases pending in the Bankruptcy Court, however.

To advance the objective of Order 18 to protect public safety but address exigent legal needs which arise, the Bankruptcy Court adopted Administrative Order 20-1 on March 18, 2020 which provided for all hearings to be conducted telephonically, unless otherwise ordered by the individual bankruptcy judge to whom the matter is assigned. Administrative Order 20-1 also required compliance with the Mandatory Telephonic Hearing Guidelines posted on the court's website.

Order 18 has been extended by the District Court several times as noted in Order of the Chief Judge No. 33 because the judicial emergency had not sufficiently abated. The extension remains in effect through August 14, 2020. These extensions have in turn extended the applicability of this Court's Administrative Order 20-1.

Because the judicial emergency is still applicable, and public health exigencies preclude fully reopening the Bankruptcy Court at this time, Administrative Order 20-1 will remain in effect indefinitely until further order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: August 14, 2020

s/ Margaret M. Mann  
MARGARET M. MANN,  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge