

## **OPEN CALENDAR PROCEDURE**

### **Instructions for Self-Selecting Hearing Dates and Times In Cases Assigned to Judge Bonapfel (Revised June 8, 2004)**

1. Attorneys must choose hearing dates for motions and applications and serve notices of hearings pursuant to this Open Calendar Procedure, except as provided in paragraph 9 below. A list of currently available hearing dates is available on the Court's website at [www.ganb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ganb.uscourts.gov) (click on Chambers in the menu on the left side of the screen and then on Judge Bonapfel's name or on the button to the left of his name). A copy of the current hearing dates may be viewed on the bulletin board outside of Courtroom 1401 and a copy may be obtained in Chambers.

2. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 9006(d), the hearing date you select must be at least fourteen (14) days after the date on which you serve the motion and notice of hearing. Some types of matters may require a longer lead time between the date of service of the motion or application and notice and the date of the hearing. See, e.g., Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3007 and B.L.R. 7007-1(b). If a rule gives a respondent a period of time to file a response, the hearing date picked must be at least two (2) business days after the last day on which a response could be timely filed. Remember that if the motion or other pleading that requires the filing of a response or some other act is served by mail, Bankruptcy Rule 9006(f) adds three days to prescribed period.

3. Note that available dates and times are grouped by the Chapter under which the case is filed and the types of matters to be heard. (A motion to dismiss or convert a Chapter 13 case or for relief from stay, however, may be scheduled for hearing at the time of the confirmation hearing in that case.) **ALWAYS CHECK THE LIST OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DATES WHEN SETTING A HEARING BECAUSE A DATE MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST AT ANY TIME.**

4. Prepare the notice of hearing into which you will insert the date, time and location that you selected from the list of available dates and times. Combine the notice, the motion, application or objection, and the certificate of service into one document. The certificate of service must mention service of both the motion and the notice of hearing. Briefs may be combined with the document containing the motion or may be filed separately.

5. File the motion or application and notice of hearing no later than one (1) business day after it is served.

6. If you file using paper rather than through the CM/ECF system, you must deliver to Chambers a copy of the motion, notice of hearing and certificate of service showing the Clerk's filing stamp within one day of filing.

7. If you file electronically, you may use the Open Calendar Procedure to reset a hearing date if all parties agree by filing an amended notice of hearing on which you indicate the agreement of all parties.

8. You may set, but are not required to set, a hearing in an **adversary proceeding**, other than those types of hearings listed in paragraph 9 below. If the movant in an adversary proceeding does not serve a notice of hearing with the motion, a respondent desiring a hearing may schedule one by serving and filing a notice of hearing separate and apart from the response to the motion. If no party sets a hearing, the matter will be treated as submitted after the last day on which a response or reply may be timely filed.

9. Do NOT use this procedure —

- to schedule trials in adversary proceedings, hearings on disclosure statements and plans in Chapter 11 cases or confirmation hearings in Chapter 13 cases, except that you may schedule a motion seeking confirmation of a modification to a plan already confirmed in a Chapter 13 case.
  
- to schedule a hearing on an emergency motion or on a motion to shorten the time for holding a hearing to less than 14 days from the filing and service of the motion. Instead, call the Courtroom Deputy Clerk for a hearing date and time, and then, unless instructed otherwise, schedule the hearing on the date and at the time provided by the Courtroom Deputy Clerk.
  
- to schedule a hearing on a motion or application that is likely to require more than 20 minutes to present evidence. Instead, call the Courtroom Deputy Clerk for a hearing date and time.
  
- to schedule a hearing on a motion or application if it is one routinely granted without a hearing (e.g., an application to employ professionals, a motion to take a Rule 2004 examination, a motion to extend time to file schedules, a motion for emergency ex parte relief from the stay pursuant to B.L.R. 4001, etc.).
  
- to schedule a hearing on a motion to avoid liens or a motion to redeem. (The Court will set hearings on those motions if a response is filed -- see B.L.R. 6008).