

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

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<b>COURT APPEARANCES</b>	:	
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**GENERAL ORDER**

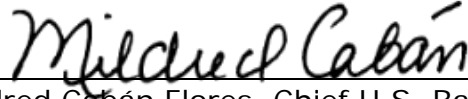
The impact of COVID-19 has put the court in the situation of needing to take unprecedented steps to balance our mission with the duty to protect the health and well-being of our staff and of those we serve. Following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control of social distancing to prevent the rapid spread of the virus, unless otherwise ordered in a specific case or proceeding:

1. All scheduled hearings will be conducted telephonically only. The court cannot accommodate personal appearances at this time.
2. Counsel who would like to appear at a hearing must do so by telephone or they may request a continuance of the hearing for a future date if deemed appropriate. Any documents that need to be presented to the court during the hearing must be filed electronically.
3. Unrepresented parties (who do not have attorneys) must also appear by telephone.
4. The court will not hold evidentiary hearings during this time, and these may be rescheduled on a case by case basis.

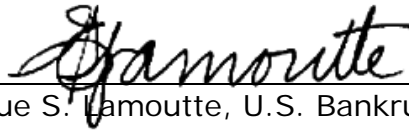
Instructions on how to appear at a hearing by phone will be posted on our Website at: [www.prb.uscourts.gov](http://www.prb.uscourts.gov)

This order shall be effective on March 16, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

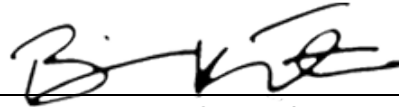
In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



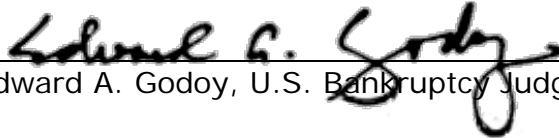
Mildred Cabán Flores, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Enrique S. Lamoutte, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Brian K. Tester, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Edward A. Godoy, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge