

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

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Notice 23-14 (Amended)

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## Notice to the Public and the Media

## **REMOTE ACCESS POLICY**

On September 12, 2023, the Judicial Conference approved a new policy as to "Cameras in the Courtroom" (Guide to Judiciary Policy Vol. 10 Ch. 4) which became effective on September 22, 2023.

The new policy gives the presiding judge over a civil or bankruptcy non-trial proceeding the discretion to authorize live remote public **audio** access only (never video), to any portion of that proceeding in which a witness is not testifying. This policy does not create any right of any party, the public, or the media to live remote public access to any proceeding.

The policy change addresses only the public access and does not impact a judge's authority to use tele- and video conferencing technology to facilitate civil and bankruptcy proceedings in the appropriate case with respect to case participants, including parties, counsel, witnesses, and interpreters.

Effective immediately, the presiding judges may, in their discretion, provide remote public access for the public and the media by allowing them access to the live audio of hearings held without live witness testimony, in addition to courtroom access. For purposes of this policy, limitations on access for the "public" do not apply to case participants (e.g., parties, counsel, witnesses, or interpreters). If there is a live witness no live remote audio will be available to the public and the media, only courtroom access. A calendar with the information for live remote audio access for the public and the media is available in our court's website prb.uscourts.gov.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Clerk of Court