

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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Revised Guidelines re Telephonic	)	Administrative Order No. 2025-01
Participation in Motion Dockets and	)	
Chapter 13 Confirmation Hearings	)	
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REVISED GUIDELINES RE TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION IN MOTION DOCKETS
AND CHAPTER 13 CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

In general, the judges expect lawyers from Mobile and Baldwin counties to attend Mobile motion dockets in person. However, lawyers from Mobile and Baldwin counties who have only one to three matters on a given motion docket which can be handled without an extended hearing may participate telephonically. Mobile and Baldwin county lawyers must attend chapter 13 confirmation hearings in person except debtor's counsel who inform the trustee and chambers before the hearing that they (1) do not oppose dismissal for nonpayment (potentially with an injunction) or (2) agree with the trustee's proposed plan payment where that is the only confirmation issue. Lawyers from outside Mobile and Baldwin counties may participate telephonically in motion dockets or chapter 13 confirmation hearings which can be handled without an extended hearing. The judges ask that a lawyer who wishes to participate telephonically email that request (including the case numbers) to the judge's courtroom deputy by 2 p.m. the day before the hearing.

The judges recognize that parking in downtown Mobile is limited and do not want debtors to miss work any more than necessary. Debtors may thus participate telephonically in Mobile motion dockets and chapter 13 confirmation hearings unless more than brief testimony is necessary.

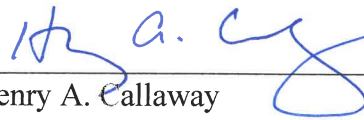
The Selma courtroom cannot accommodate telephonic participation except on a “listen only” basis. However, Judge Callaway usually holds two telephonic Northern Division motion dockets each month and is amenable to moving non-evidentiary motions to a telephonic docket upon timely request to his courtroom deputy.

This order supersedes Administrative Order No. 2022-10, which is hereby rescinded.

Dated: 2/14/25



Jerry C. Oldshue
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge



Henry A. Callaway
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge