

**JUDGE SOMERS**  
**GUIDELINE CONCERNING NOTICE OF EXPEDITED HEARINGS IN**  
**CHAPTER 7 AND 13 CASES**  
**11/28/2023**

There are occasions when urgent relief is necessary and settings to the Court's regular monthly dockets may be inadequate. I will make every effort to accommodate emergency or expedited motions, subject to the Court's availability.

**Requesting Expedited Relief**

Please present any matter to be heard on an expedited basis on written motion, together with a Motion for Expedited Hearing and a proposed Expedited Hearing Order. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(d). A request for expedited hearing will not be considered without a written substantive motion for relief and a written motion for expedited hearing. The motion for expedited hearing should explain why the matter needs to be expedited. Upon filing the motions, counsel for movant should contact the following representative in the Clerk's Office:

**Topeka Cases:**

Division Manager, Beth Cromwell, at (785) 338-5915;

Assistant Division Manager, Dana Colombo, at (785) 338-5914;

or, email the Courtroom team at [Topeka\\_CRDs@ksb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Topeka_CRDs@ksb.uscourts.gov).

**Kansas City Cases:**

Division Manager, Susan Franklin, at (913) 735-2113;

Assistant Division Manager, Jessica Diaz, at (913) 735-2127;

or, email the Courtroom team at [KC\\_CRDs@ksb.uscourts.gov](mailto:KC_CRDs@ksb.uscourts.gov).

**Wichita Cases:**

Division Manager, Annette Albright, at (316) 315-4113;

Assistant Division Manager, Sheritha Thompkins, at (316) 315-4115;

or, email the Courtroom team at [KSBml\\_Wichita\\_CRDs@ksb.uscourts.gov](mailto:KSBml_Wichita_CRDs@ksb.uscourts.gov).

to advise them that expedited relief is being sought and to request a hearing date when the motion could or needs to be heard. The Court's staff will then communicate the request to me and schedule the hearing. Counsel will be contacted with the date and time to be included in the proposed expedited hearing

order to be presented to the Court. In addition, language directing the movant's counsel to give notice consistent with what is set out below to any and all affected parties, or as the Court directs. If movant intends to serve the approved expedited order as notice for the underlying motion, the order should also contain the hearing location and any other relevant information (e.g., teleconference information).

### **Giving Notice**

In addition to complying with the applicable notice and service requirements, e.g. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004, 9006 (d), and 9014, movant's counsel should directly communicate with counsel for the affected creditor or parties in interest advising that counsel of the time and place of the expedited hearing and the relief being sought. If a party's attorney cannot be ascertained, counsel should communicate via e-mail, telephone, or fax with an officer or principal of the affected creditor or non-moving interested party, advising that individual of the time and place of the expedited hearing and the relief being sought and obtain information for sending the pleadings via e-mail or fax. In addition to the affected party, be sure to serve all parties requesting notice, and the chapter 7 or 13 trustee.