

JUDGE SOMERS
GUIDELINE CONCERNING NOTICE OF EXPEDITED HEARINGS IN
CHAPTER 7 AND 13 CASES
June 11, 2019

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. Before filing the motions, counsel for movant should contact the following representative in the Clerk's Office:

Topeka Cases:

Division Manager, Joyce Ridgeway at (785) 338-5912;

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

or, email the Courtroom team at Topeka_CRDs@ksb.uscourts.gov.

Kansas City Cases:

Division Manager, Judy Cowger at (913) 735-2112;

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

or, email the Courtroom team at 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.

to advise them that expedited relief is sought and to informally 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. Any proposed expedited hearing order that is presented to the Court for approval should include space for

the date and time of the hearing requested (the Court will fill in) and also language directing the movant's counsel to give notice consistent with the following to any and all affected parties, or as the Court directs.

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.