

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS**

IN RE: **COURT OPERATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Effective March 16, 2020, this court has operated pursuant to the terms of its Administrative Order that suspended all in-court proceedings until further notice. The Administrative Order dated June 15, 2020 ended the suspension of IN COURT hearings and IN COURT hearings for all divisions were to resume July 1, 2020.

After assessing our current circumstances, the court has determined that we will continue operating on the basis of our Administrative Order dated March 16, 2020 up until at least July 31, 2020. By continuing to operate remotely and without in-court hearings, we will have an extended opportunity to monitor the continued outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), promote health and safety, and address ongoing concerns about personal safety.

We will continue assessing our circumstances and monitoring the District Courts in both the Eastern and Western Districts. Please recognize this could involve different protocols in each District and Division. We will keep you informed of any changes regarding our current plans. Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk of Court or respective chambers concerning procedures generally or specific cases and proceedings. We thank you for your continued cooperation during this difficult period and hope that each of you remains safe and well.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2020