

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland

July 20, 2021

Bench Message Concerning Spring Break

To the members of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland and the Consumer Bar Section of the Maryland State Bar Association and all practitioners before our Court:

You may know that the Maryland Bankruptcy Bench has decided not to participate in the “Spring Break” program, September 9-10, due to continued COVID-19 concerns. We made this decision after careful consideration over several months. Although there has been a substantial overall reduction in COVID cases, we continue to have considerable concern and unease over participating in a large, indoor, multi-day conference, especially in light of the recent increase in cases due to the delta variant.

We made this decision with great regret. The Spring Break program provides a wonderful educational benefit to both the Bench and Bar, and we appreciate the opportunity it provides for congenial interaction among the members of the Bar and between the Bench and Bar. We also acknowledge the substantial amount of time and effort directed toward planning the event and the panel presentations. The Bench has long appreciated the Bar’s dedication to this and numerous other educational programs as well as its active involvement in improving the administration of cases in our District.

We look forward to participating in many Spring Break and other programs in the future.