

**SO ORDERED**



  
**THOMAS J. CATLIOTA**  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In re: \*  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROCEDURES \* Miscellaneous Proceeding No.  
\* 20-90006  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-07  
ADDRESSING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST  
RECORDING TELEPHONIC OR VIDEO HEARINGS**

In response to the current state of emergency concerning the spread of COVID-19, and the need to maintain proper and safe distancing among individuals, this Court may be required to conduct hearings by telephone or video conference. The United States District Court for the District of Maryland entered Order, *Covid-19 Pandemic Procedures*, Misc. No. 20-146, on March 26, 2020, (the “Order”) extending that Court’s prohibition on recording or transmitting court proceedings to include any court proceeding conducted by remote audio or video conferencing and further ordering that no person or device may record any court proceeding without the express permission of the Chief Judge, other than official court reporters and official electronic recorders employed by the Court. Local Bankruptcy Rule 5073-1 of this Court prohibits any court proceeding from being photographed, video recorded, audio recorded, broadcasted, televised, or otherwise transmitted, and the Rule applies to telephonic hearings and

video hearings. In furtherance of Local Bankruptcy Rule 5073-1 and in light of the current state of emergency, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland has determined it is advisable to emphasize and order that the same prohibition as entered by the District Court applies to this Court.

Accordingly, it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, ORDERED, that no person or device, other than official electronic recorders employed by the Court, may record any court proceeding, whether conducted in court, on telephone, or by video conference, without the express permission of the presiding judge in a particular case or the Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court; and it is further

ORDERED, for the sake of clarity, Local Bankruptcy Rule 5073-1 applies to all court proceedings whether conducted in court, by telephone, or by video conference.

**END OF ORDER**