

Notice Regarding Telephonic Appearances in Judge Jernigan's Court

Effective May 1, 2008, court-approved telephonic appearances in Judge Jernigan's court will be connected through Court Call, an independent conference call company that provides conference call services for our court.

Counsel wishing to appear by phone must request the court's permission by sending an email to the courtroom deputy at sgj_settings@txnb.uscourts.gov. Requests must be received at least 24 hours (1 business day) before the scheduled hearing and should include the case name and number, the date and time of the hearing, the matter that is set for hearing, and the reason why telephonic appearance is necessary. The court will consider the nature and scope of the matter before the court, associated time and cost of travel, and equity to all parties. Generally, the court does not allow telephonic appearances at preliminary lift stay hearings, trial docket call settings, or contested hearings on the monthly Chapter 13 docket. Counsel will be notified of the court's decision by email.

If the Court approves the request to appear telephonically, counsel should immediately contact Court Call at (866) 582-6878 or courtconference@courtcalls.com. **There is a fee for the service.**

Participants must join the call no later than ten (10) minutes before the scheduled hearing time. You will not be allowed to participate if you are late joining in.

To ensure the quality of the call, no speaker or cell phones, headsets or public phones may be used. Counsel must be on the handset of the telephone during the appearance.

On every occasion before speaking, you must identify yourself for the record.