



## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE HEARINGS**

In light of the ongoing national emergency with respect to the Coronavirus pandemic, the United States District Court for the District of Vermont has issued general orders supporting video and teleconferencing for civil and criminal hearings in accordance with the applicable statutes and rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. This court continues to support the presumption of public access to hearings, and in support of that presumption, makes the following accommodations available for the duration of this national emergency:

- 1) Upon request, a member of the public or a media representative will be provided with dial-in or video connection access information;
- 2) Remote access information to teleconference and videoconference hearings will be made available to the public and media by calling the relevant court's clerk's office at:

District Court - (802) 951-6301  
Bankruptcy Court - (802) 657-6400

It is recommended that anyone wishing to attend a hearing remotely should call at least one hour in advance of the scheduled hearing; and

- 3) Questions regarding access should be directed to Jeffrey Eaton at (802) 951-8118.

Please be reminded that Judicial Conference policy prohibits the broadcasting of proceedings in federal courts. Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, or rebroadcasting of court proceedings pursuant to Judicial Conference policy. This prohibition applies to counsel, the parties, the media and any member of the public. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the court.

**JEFFREY S. EATON  
CLERK OF COURT**