

**Procedures for Noticing and Conducting Hearings
in the San Francisco Division of the
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California**

(Eff. May 9, 2025)

All debtors, creditors, counsel, and other interested parties shall comply with the following procedures when noticing or participating in hearings in cases assigned to Judge Dennis Montali or Judge Hannah L. Blumenstiel. Failure to comply with these procedures might result in vacatur of a hearing or the imposition of sanctions.

For available hearing dates and times, please continue to refer to the San Francisco Division's Open Calendar Procedure¹ and to Judge Montali's or Judge Blumenstiel's Open Calendar Dates and Procedures.²

Recording of any hearing by any means is strictly prohibited. Any person who records a court hearing shall be subject to sanction.

For purposes of these procedures, "non-evidentiary" hearings are those in which witness testimony will not be taken.

Non-evidentiary hearings. Beginning May 23, 2025 for Judge Montali and beginning August 1, 2025 for Judge Blumenstiel, Judges Blumenstiel and Montali will permit Zoom *and* in-person appearances at the following calendars:

- **Judge Blumenstiel: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**
- **Judge Montali: Fridays, 10:00 a.m.; Last Friday of each month, 1:30 p.m.**

Notices of hearing for any of the above-referenced calendars must include the following language:

¹ <https://www.canb.uscourts.gov/procedure/san-francisco/blumenstiel-carlson-montali/open-calendar-procedure-san-francisco>

² Judge Blumenstiel's and Judge Montali's calendar procedures can be viewed at the very bottom of the page linked in FN 1.

You may participate in this hearing in-person or by Zoom. To attend in-person, you should arrive at Courtroom [insert presiding judge's courtroom number],³ 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 16th Floor, San Francisco, CA no later than the time set forth in this notice. To attend via Zoom, please consult the court's website, which provides information explaining how to arrange an appearance at a video hearing. If you have questions about how to participate in a hearing, you may contact the court by calling 888-821-7606 or by using the Live Chat feature on the court's website.

Unless otherwise ordered, matters set for hearing on calendars *other than* those set forth above will be heard remotely, via Zoom, and notices for those hearings must state as follows:

This hearing will be conducted only via Zoom. The court's website offers information explaining how to arrange an appearance at a video hearing. If you have questions about how to participate in a video hearing, you may contact the court by calling 888-821-7606 or by using the Live Chat feature on the court's website.

Notices of Hearing that do not contain the required language may be stricken and the hearing set pursuant to such defective notice vacated.

Evidentiary Hearings. Unless they order otherwise, Judge Blumenstiel and Judge Montali will conduct evidentiary hearings and trials in-person in their respective courtrooms on the 16th Floor at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. The logistics of any given evidentiary hearing or trial will be discussed at the appropriate scheduling conference, pre-trial hearing, or preliminary hearing. The means of conducting any evidentiary hearing or trial falls within the presiding judge's sole discretion, and the court may, for example, permit one or more witnesses to testify remotely, if appropriate.

³ Judge Blumenstiel uses Courtroom 19; Judge Montali uses Courtroom 17.