

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC “OPEN CALENDARING” PROCEDURE
IN CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE WALKER

This procedure applies to all attorneys and *must* be used, with certain exceptions listed below, for all motions, applications and objections in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases assigned to Judge Walker. It replaces the prior procedure for scheduling hearings. The types of motions and other proceedings to which the open calendaring procedure applies and does *not* apply are listed below. The dates, times and locations for applicable hearings are located at the end of this document.

This procedure should be used for original and reset hearings, unless dates are assigned in open court.

First, select a date and time from the list of currently available dates for the chapter of the case. (Consult the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to determine required time for notice of hearing.)

Second, prepare a notice using the form that comports with Middle District of Georgia Local Rules. www.gamb.uscourts.gov

Third, insert into the notice prepared by you the date, time and location you select from the list of available hearing dates and times.

Fourth, file and serve the motion and notice of hearing (no change in this procedure).

Fifth, file a certificate of service no later than three (3) days after service. If the pleading and notice of hearing are served at the time of filing, the certificate of service must also be filed at that time. Combine the notice, motion (or application or objection), brief (if any), and certificate of service in one document.

Do not call Chambers to find out if the matter has been put on the calendar. You may view the calendar online at the Middle District of Georgia Court web site.

The motion and notice must be served and filed at least 14 days prior to any hearing date.

EXCEPTIONS - *Do not use this procedure for:*

Consent Motions (orders attached)
Chapter 13 Confirmation Hearings
Adversary Proceedings
Motions to Conduct a 2004 Examination
Applications to Employ Professionals
Motions to Avoid Liens

Chapter 11 cases
Motions to Redeem
Emergency motions
Ex Parte Motions for Relief from Stay Pursuant to BLR 4001
Hearings that will require longer than 15 minutes

To obtain hearing dates for the above (“exceptions”) proceedings, contact:

Valerie Vaughn, Judge Walker’s Courtroom Deputy Clerk
478-752-3506, Ext. 3345; E-mail Valerie.Vaughn@gamb.uscourts.gov

USE THE OPEN CALENDARING PROCEDURE FOR:

Objection to Claim
Objection(s) to Exemption(s)
Motion for Extension of Time to File a Complaint to Determine Dischargeability or
Objection to Discharge
Motion to Dismiss Chapter 13 or Chapter 7 Case
Applications for Compensation of Professionals
Motion to Lift Stay in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Cases
Motion to Validate Foreclosure

HELPFUL HINTS:

Always check the list of currently available dates and times when setting a hearing, because a date or time may be removed from the list at any time. The Court will maintain a chronological record of when dates are published and removed from the web site. A matter set for a date, after it has been removed from the web site, may not be considered by the Court until the hearing is properly rescheduled.

AVAILABLE OPEN CALENDAR DATES FOR JUDGE WALKER

(as of October 12, 2004)

Attorneys must schedule hearings according to Judge Walker’s Open Calendar Procedure. The categories, dates and times on which such hearings will be held are listed below:

ALBANY hearing location:

C.B. King United States Courthouse
2nd Floor, 201 W. Broad Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

ALBANY hearing times:

Motion for stay relief.....10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Miscellaneous Chapter 13 hearings..... 2:30 p.m.
Miscellaneous Chapter 7 hearings.....3:30 p.m.

ALBANY hearing dates:

November 15, 2004
December 13, 2004

MACON hearing location:

Courtroom B
433 Cherry St.
Macon, GA 31201

MACON hearing times:

Motion for stay relief.....9:30 a.m.
Miscellaneous Chapter 13 and 7 hearings....10:30 a.m.

MACON hearing dates:

November 22, 2004
December 6, 2004