

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

In re: Business of the Court          )          General Order No. 20-3  
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**Section 341(a) Meetings of Creditors during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

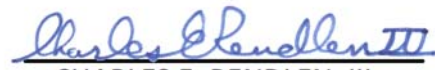
In light of the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Missouri having declared a public health emergency in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities having advised public and private entities to take precautions in order to reduce the spread of the virus, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri recognizes the part it must play in helping to reduce the spread of the virus.

Therefore, effective immediately and upon further Order of this Court, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri shall dispense with the deadlines for which a Section 341(a) Meeting of Creditors must be held pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2003(a). 11 U.S.C. § 341(a) states, “Within a reasonable time after the order for relief in a case under this title, the United States trustee shall convene and preside at a meeting of creditors.” The United States Trustee’s Office shall have the authority to determine a reasonable time for conducting these meetings in light of this ongoing public health crisis.

**SO ORDERED**

  
KATHY A. SURRATT-STATES  
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

  
Barry S. Schermer  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

  
CHARLES E. RENDLEN, III  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: March 23, 2020