

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**



**CHARLES L. NAIL, JR.  
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

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To the South Dakota Bankruptcy Bar:

The COVID-19 pandemic has, obviously, altered our world for the foreseeable future. However, to the extent possible, we will strive to maintain normal court operations.

Fortunately, telephonic hearings are old hat in this district, and we will continue to utilize them for all contested matters where evidence is not needed and for all adversary pre-trial conferences. At least through April 2020, evidentiary hearings and adversary trials will be limited to emergency matters that cannot be submitted on stipulated facts, stipulated issues, affidavits or depositions, and briefs. I am confident you will continue to resolve, through discovery and negotiations, as many matters as possible.

In light of the recently rescheduled meetings of creditors, we anticipate seeing numerous motions for an extension of time to file a denial of discharge complaint or a nondischargeability complaint. See Bankr. D.S.D. Rs. 4004-1 and 4007-1. If the extension requested is within reason, I anticipate the motion will be granted.

Should illness strike you, your office, or family, please let us know, and we will offer whatever accommodations we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles L. Nail, Jr." in a cursive style.

Charles L. Nail, Jr.  
Bankruptcy Judge

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cc: case file (correspondence)