

TNWB CLERK'S OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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Reminders for In-Person and Virtual Court Hearings

Chief Judge Jennie D. Latta will continue with virtual hearings until further notice. Judge Latta reviews uncontested matters scheduled for a hearing several days in advance and may enter a disposition at that time. This negates the need for your appearance. Matters without a disposition will be heard. If you have any questions or if you desire to have your matter heard in person, you may contact Courtroom Deputy Debra Hayes at 901-328-3570.

Judge Jimmy L. Croom returned to pre-Covid courtroom procedures in March 2022. All hearings will be in person UNLESS the attorneys/parties contact Judge Croom's courtroom deputy (Debbie Pulse, 731-421-9314) by noon the day before the hearing to request a telephonic appearance. If this procedure is not followed, you WILL NOT be permitted to appear by telephone. Telephonic hearings will NOT be allowed for any evidentiary matters.

Judge M. Ruthie Hagan continues to hold in-person hearings. To appear telephonically or by videoconference for non-evidentiary matters only, a motion to appear telephonically or by videoconference is to be filed by noon the day before the hearing. Once the Court has approved your motion to the hearing, the conference telephone number or the Microsoft Teams Meeting invitation will be sent to the parties. Questions may be directed to Jenifer Joiner, Courtroom Deputy, 901-328-3573.

Judge Denise E. Barnett resumed in-person hearings in May 2022. If you would like to appear virtually, notify Tonya Lepone, Courtroom Deputy, 901-328-3572, no later than Thursday by noon the week prior to your hearing.

Changes to Consolidate Motions Seeking to Modify Confirmed Plan

Several local motions concerning confirmed plans will be replaced by a single *Motion to Modify Plan After Confirmation*, (pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §1329). Beginning August 1, the CM/ECF drop-down menu for uploading motions will be updated so only the *Motion to Modify Plan After Confirmation* will be available as a choice. Local motions no longer found in CM/ECF are listed below. Please be sure to notify your staff of these changes.

Motion to Add Home Mortgage
Motion to Add Home Mortgage Arrearage
Motion to Advance Mortgage
Motion to Cease Disbursements
Motion to Extend Plan Payments
Motion to Forgive Missed Payments
Motion to Increase Assurance Payment
Motion to Increase Payment
Motion to Increase/Decrease Percentage

Motion to Suspend Payments
Motion to Delete Creditor
Motion to Pay Direct
Motion to Reduce Payment
Motion to Reduce Percentage Paid to Creditors
Motion to Modify Plan Payment

Recent Law Update

[Senate Bill S. 3823](#) was signed into law on June 21, 2022. This law restores the debt limits for Chapter 11 Subchapter V to \$7.5 million for a period of two years. It also increases the debt limit for Chapter 13 debtors to \$2.75 million, for a two-year period.

Fran Riley, Law Clerk for Judge Barnett, Retires

Fran Riley, Law Clerk for Judge Denise Barnett, has decided to enter a new chapter of her life – RETIREMENT! On June 3, 2022, after 10 years of service to the court, Fran said farewell to her time as a Law Clerk with the court. Fran enjoyed a long span with the Court working as both a Shared Law Clerk to Retired Judges Paulette Delk and George Emerson and as a Career Law Clerk to Retired Judge David S. Kennedy. She continued her duties with Judge Denise Barnett until making the decision to retire. Fran's hard work, legal expertise, commitment, and friendliness have made her an integral part of the bankruptcy court family and she will be truly missed.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES, FRAN! ENJOY YOUR NEW CHAPTER OF LIFE IN RETIREMENT!

Clerk's Office Employee Spotlight

Rod Brown is our employee spotlight for this quarter. He has only been with us a short time, but he brings a lot of experience with him from another federal agency. He has three kids, ages 25, 19, and 16. He enjoys gardening, playing pool, and coaching youth sports. He loves to vacation in New Orleans. We are so glad to have Rod as part of our staff!

Hometown: Memphis

Occupation: IT Security Administrator

Education: BBA with a Major in MIS – University of Memphis
AAS in Business Technology – Southwest TN CC

Favorite Movies: The Matrix Trilogy, Star Wars, and The MARVEL Movie Collection

Favorite Band/Music: The Temptations/R&B – Neo Soul

Favorite Foods: Chargrilled oysters from Dragos and sushi from Tokyo Grill

Summer Safety Tips



Stay Hydrated

Drink 8 or more glasses of water per day to stay healthy & hydrated



Know the Side Effects of Medications

Some medications have side effects such as drowsiness or sun sensitivity



Stay Cool

Stay in the A/C, indoors, go swimming, etc.



Wear Light, Loose Fitting Clothing

Wear breathable clothing and light colors that reflect the sun



Have Emergency Contacts

Have a list of people to call in case of emergency



Know the Weather Forecast

Plan your days accordingly depending on the weather

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