

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC OPEN CALENDARING PROCEDURE  
IN CASES ASSIGNED TO **JUDGE LANEY**

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 Laney. 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.

1. Select a date and time from the list of currently available dates for the chapter of the case. (See the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to determine required time for notice of hearing).
2. Prepare a notice using the form that comports with Middle District of Georgia Local Rules. [www.gamb.uscourts.gov](http://www.gamb.uscourts.gov)
3. Insert into the notice prepared by you the date, time and location you select from the list of available hearing dates and times.
4. File and serve the motion and notice of hearing (no change in this procedure).
5. File a certificate of service no later than three (3) business 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:**

Motions to Expedite Hearings  
Motions to Extend the Automatic Stay  
Consent Motions (Orders attached)  
Chapter 13 Confirmation hearings  
Adversary Proceedings  
Motions to Conduct a 2004 Examination  
Applications to Employ Professionals  
Applications for Compensation to Professionals up to \$1,000

Motion to Approve a Compromise  
Motions for Approval of Sale not free and clear of liens  
Objection to Claim prior to Response  
Motions to Avoid Liens  
Chapter 11 and 12 cases  
Emergency motions  
Ex Parte Motions for Relief from Stay Pursuant to LBR 4001(d)  
Hearings that will require longer than 15 minutes

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

Shirley Williams, Judge Laney’s Calendar Clerk  
(706) 596-7153 e-mail: [Shirley\\_Williams@gamb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Shirley_Williams@gamb.uscourts.gov)

**USE THE OPEN CALENDARING PROCEDURE FOR:**

Objection to Motion to Approve a Compromise  
Motions to Redeem  
Response to Objection to Claim  
Response to Motion to Avoid Lien  
Objection(s) to Exemption(s)  
Motion for Extension of Time to File a Complaint to Determine Discharge or Dischargeability  
Motion to Dismiss Chapter 13 or Chapter 7 Case  
Motion for Relief from Stay or Adequate Protection in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Cases  
Motions to Reconsider Dismissal of Case  
Motion to Reopen Case  
Applications for Compensation to Professionals exceeding \$1,000  
Motion to Approve a Sale Free and Clear of Liens

**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 has been properly rescheduled.

**AVAILABLE OPEN CALENDAR DATES FOR JUDGE LANEY**

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

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO SELECTING A HEARING DATE DUE TO SCHEDULING CHANGES.**

**VALDOSTA** hearing location:  
U.S. Courthouse and Post Office Building  
401 North Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA 31601

**VALDOSTA** hearing times:  
Chapter 13's ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Chapter 7's ..... 10:30 a.m.

**VALDOSTA hearing date:** April 1, 2009

**COLUMBUS** hearing location:  
901 Front Avenue  
One Arsenal Place  
Suite 309  
Columbus, GA 31901

**COLUMBUS** hearing dates and time:  
Chapter 13's .... March 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.  
Chapter 7's ..... March 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.