

**OFFICE OF THE CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE
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For Cases Filed Under Chapter 13 in the United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Northern District of Ohio – Eastern Division (Cleveland)

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To: Chapter 13 Attorneys
From: Craig Shopneck, Standing Trustee
Date: Updated September 18, 2006
Re: Debtor's Granting Power of Attorney to Another Individual to Appear at Meeting of Creditors

The Trustee's office does not recognize a power of attorney for purposes of allowing an individual to appear and testify on behalf of a debtor at the meeting of creditors. If the debtor is unable to appear in person, even if by reason of incarceration, military service or serious medical condition, the meeting of creditors will not be conducted.

Alternatives will be considered. In limited circumstances and under certain conditions, the Trustee's office may permit examination telephonically or through use of interrogatories. If the meeting of creditors is to be conducted telephonically, counsel for the debtor should be present with the debtor during the examination.

It is counsel's responsibility to contact me directly, well in advance of the scheduled examination date, if you have a client who because of his/her special circumstances will be unable to appear in person at the meeting of creditors.

Please contact me at 216-621-4268 ext. 139 if you have any questions.