

# United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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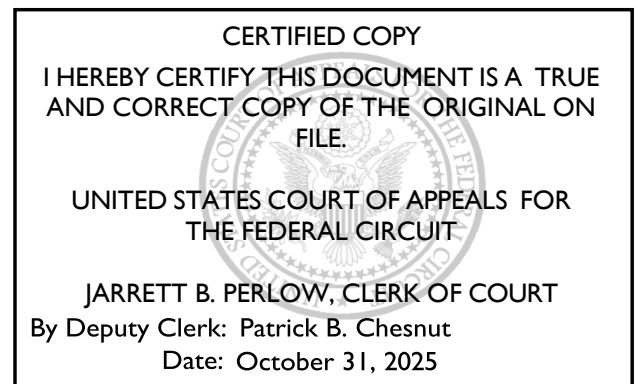
### Operations During the Lapse in Appropriations

The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit adopts the following plan to fulfill its constitutional duty to hear and resolve cases during any period when there is an absence of an appropriation or continuing resolution funding judiciary operations.

The court is unable to sustain paid operations using its fee authority and no-year appropriations. As such, the court has reduced operations as required by the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1342. Only activities that are necessary to support the exercise of the court's constitutional duty to hear and resolve cases, to address emergency circumstances necessary for the safety of human life and the protection of property, and to perform activities otherwise authorized by law, either expressly or by necessary implication, will be performed. As a result of this reduction in operation, some court services will be delayed, but the court will continue to operate consistent with its constitutional mandate.

At all times, the General Services Administration must provide the level of services and building maintenance normally provided, and the United States Marshals Service and the Federal Protective Service must maintain all functions necessary for the appropriate security of all judges and court employees and for the safe use of all Federal Circuit facilities.

*Administrative Order No. 2026-02*



All scheduled arguments will proceed as scheduled. Likewise, all filing deadlines remain in effect. Jointly filed or unopposed motions for extensions of time for briefs and other deadlines in non-calendared cases will generally be granted for up to sixty days.

The Circuit Library is closed, and all public and support services, including services to members of the bar and unrepresented filers, have been suspended until further notice.

Effective November 12, 2025, and until further notice, the Clerk's Office public intake counter will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily on days when the court is not scheduled to hear cases. Staff will continue to be available to assist by telephone during regular business hours, and email inboxes will be monitored throughout the day. Nonelectronic filings and materials may be deposited in the drop box located in the lobby of the National Courts Building until 7:00 p.m. daily. Electronic filing will remain available.

The Clerk is directed to provide notice of this Order to applicable Executive agencies.

FOR THE COURT

October 31, 2025  
Date

/s/ Kimberly A. Moore  
Kimberly A. Moore  
Chief Judge

