

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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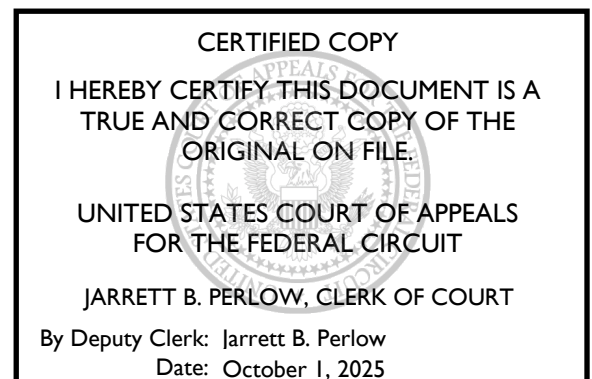
Operations in the Absence of an Appropriation or Continuing Resolution.

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.

During any period when the court is able to sustain paid operations using its fee authority and no-year appropriations, court operations will continue, including scheduled hearings and arguments, and employees will report to work or continue with approved leave plans as normal.

When such funds are no longer available, the court will reduce 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.

Administrative Order – No. 2026-01



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.

Absent further order of the court, all scheduled arguments will proceed as scheduled regardless of any lapse in appropriations. Likewise, all filing deadlines remain in effect. The Court will not entertain any motions for extension based solely on a lapse in appropriations.

The Clerk is directed to provide notice of this Order to applicable Executive agencies and to provide notice to all parties that arguments already scheduled for October 2025, including arguments to be held in and around Boston, will proceed as scheduled.

FOR THE COURT

October 1, 2025
Date

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

