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By Deputy Clerk 

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
TEXAS DURING A LAPSE IN
APPROPRIATIONS

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2019-2

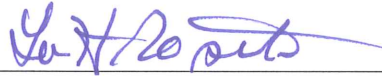
ORDER

An appropriation or continuing resolution funding the operation of the federal judiciary has not been enacted. The federal judiciary has been operating using fees and other funds not dependent on a new appropriation since December 21, 2018. Those funds will be exhausted on January 18, 2019. The federal judiciary will then operate under the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341, *et seq.*, which allows essential work to continue during a lapse in appropriations. To support the Southern District of Texas in fulfilling its constitutional judicial function and power during the lapse in appropriations, the following Order is entered:

1. All court employees and Federal Public Defender employees are declared essential, considering the mission-critical staffing levels required in the geographically dispersed seven divisions of the District.
2. All employees are expected to report to work for regular duties unless instructed otherwise.
3. Noncase related travel should be avoided.
4. No new personnel will be hired.
5. No new financial obligations will be incurred except as may be necessary to resolve cases.
6. The General Services Administration and the United States Marshal's Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safety of courthouses and personnel in this District.

This Order will remain in effect until there is a continuing resolution or appropriation funding the federal judiciary, and may be superseded or amended by further orders of this court.

Signed the 10th day of January, 2019.



LEE H. ROSENTHAL
CHIEF JUDGE