

United States District Court
for the
District of Delaware

Order of the Chief Judge Regarding the Operations of the Courts
in the Absence of an Appropriation or Continuing Resolution
Enacted by the United States Congress and Signed by the President

An appropriation or continuing resolution funding the operations of the United States Courts was not passed by the United States Congress and signed by the President by midnight September 30, 2013. Accordingly, this Order governing operations in the absence of appropriations is in effect until superseded by an appropriation or continuing resolution enacted by the United States Congress and signed by the President.

1. The dispensing of justice is mandated by the Constitution and essential to government, and the resolution of cases and controversies is the principal work and product of the federal courts. The Federal Judiciary is an independent, co-equal branch of government. The District Court is in its third year of budgeting austerity, with significant reductions in workforce already required by fiscal restraints despite steady or increasing workloads. Accordingly, all functions, are essential to the administration of justice by the federal courts in Delaware. Employees of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and the United States Probation Office for the District of Delaware are hereby deemed to be essential as part of the support for the exercise of judicial powers.

2. All employees of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and all ancillary units, as listed above shall work to continue all normal operations of the District Court, except as set forth below.

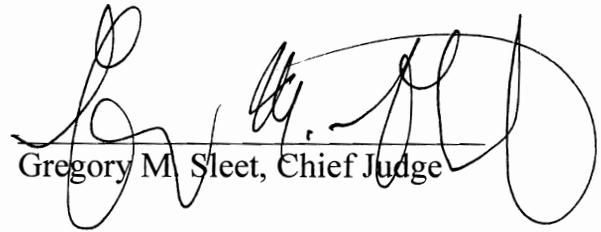
3. Travel for the Court, except as approved by the Chief Judge, shall be avoided. All training activity shall be suspended.

4. No new personnel shall be hired and no new expenditures of funds shall be made by the Court without the consent of the Chief Judge.

5. The General Services Administration, the Federal Protective Service, and the United States Marshal's Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safe use of all United States Courthouse facilities in the District.

The Judges of the District Court and of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware express their appreciation for the excellent and dedicated manner in which their employees, discharge their responsibilities.

SO ORDERED:



Gregory M. Sleet, Chief Judge

Dated: October 10, 2013
 Wilmington, Delaware