

NOTICE U.S. Court Appeals for the Third Circuit Case Deadlines During the Continuing Resolution

As a result of the government shutdown, the Court suspended deadlines in nonemergency civil cases for the federal government attorneys. Requests to suspend deadlines in other case types were granted on a case by case basis.

On January 25, 2019, Congress approved and the President signed a continuing resolution to fund the government until February 15, 2019. The Court is aware that affected federal agencies will need time to recall furloughed employees and assess the current status of their cases. Accordingly, any federal government deadlines in non-criminal cases dated December 24, 2018 through and including February 1, 2019 will be reset. On February 19, 2019, the Clerk will post on the Court's website a schedule of reset deadlines. Any reset deadlines will be staggered to ensure an orderly resumption of work.

Federal government attorneys are expected to meet deadlines in all criminal cases, and in non-criminal cases that are currently set for February 4, 2019 and after. In the event that additional time is needed, the government attorney may file a motion seeking an extension.

Attorneys appointed under the Criminal Justice Act should continue their representation and should continue to submit vouchers for payment. CJA Attorneys may experience a delay in the payment of submitted vouchers.

Should another lapse in appropriations occur on February 16, 2019, this guidance will be updated.