



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Notice Regarding Operations to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is open for business and will fulfill its constitutional and statutory obligations and responsibilities.

Oral Arguments

Oral arguments continue as scheduled. The merits panel will determine the manner of argument. The Court is currently holding in person argument and using Zoom for Government and audioconferencing for remote appearances. Parties may file a motion requesting to appear remotely.

Clerk's Office Operations

The majority of the Clerk's Office continues to work remotely with a reduced number of staff in the office.

Parties who need to file motions seeking emergency relief are directed to call 267-299-4904 and leave a detailed message regarding the nature of the emergency and requested relief. Be sure to include all contact information. An attorney from the Clerk's Office will return the call.

Counsel and parties may leave voicemail through the Clerk's Office main number at 215-597-2995 or by calling their case manager directly.

Original Proceedings may be submitted through CM/ECF. Appellate ECF filers may electronically submit Petitions for Review, Petitions for Writ of Mandamus, Applications and Cross Applications for Enforcement of an Agency Order, Second or Successive §2254 or §2255 Petitions, and Petitions for Permission to Appeal. Supporting documents along with related motions may also be submitted as part of the process. The filing fee, if one is required, may be paid with a credit card through Pay.gov. Payment may be made as part of the initial submission or separately once the case has been opened on the Court's docket. ECF filers can verify submission and payment through an on demand report. See instructions to [Submit Original Proceeding](#) listed under **Manuals** on the Court's website. Filers

are required to comply with service of the filing in accordance with FRAP 25 prior to submitting an Original Proceeding through CM/ECF. Non-ECF filers can continue to send Original Proceedings and other case related filings in hard copy and by email in PDF format through the emergency_motions@ca3.uscourts.gov mailbox.

Requests for a verbal extension under 3rd Cir. L.A.R. 31.4 must be made within 3 days from the established deadline and will be limited to 14 days. Verbal requests for extensions of time may be made by calling either the main number or the case manager directly. Routine requests for extensions of time to file a brief or other document may be requested by filing a motion through the Court's ECF system or in hard copy.

Although the Court had deferred the filing of paper copies, the filing of paper copies of briefs and appendices will resume for briefs and other documents filed on October 1, 2020 and thereafter.

Any paper document which is received within 3 days of the current deadline will be deemed timely filed without the need to file a motion unless the parties are specifically advised otherwise.

The due date for a notice of appeal, petition for review or other document that confers jurisdiction on the Court is not altered by this notice. The filing dates for those papers remain as stated in the statute or rule that confers jurisdiction.

Dated: September 25, 2020