



INFORMATION REGARDING POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit will be open in the event of a government shutdown. **All oral arguments will be heard as scheduled.** Cases which are fully briefed will continue to be scheduled for argument.

Federal government attorneys in cases scheduled for oral argument must promptly contact the Clerk's Office regarding any arrangements necessary during a lapse in funding, e.g. substitution of counsel, request to have case submitted on the briefs, request to appear by video conference.

Attorneys not impacted by the shutdown are expected to meet established deadlines.

All federal government attorneys are expected to timely respond to emergency or expedited motions and continue to meet deadlines in all expedited cases.

Deadlines in criminal cases will not be suspended. Any requests for adjustment to case deadlines in individual criminal cases due to the government shutdown must be requested by motion. The duration of the sentence will be a critical factor in the evaluation of such requests.

Deadlines in non-expedited civil cases for the federal government attorneys that expire during the duration of the lapse in funding will be tolled. Deadlines for federal government attorneys that have been tolled must be fulfilled within 14 days from the date that the shutdown ends or an appropriate motion must be filed by the federal government attorney within the 14 day time period.

Attorneys appointed under the Criminal Justice Act should continue their representation and should continue to submit vouchers for payment. Payment of vouchers will be delayed until the government reopens.