



INFORMATION REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

In the absence of an appropriation or continuing resolution, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit will be open.

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, for submission on the briefs, to appear by video conference.

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 or telephonically. The duration of the sentence will be a critical factor in the evaluation of such requests.

Deadlines in non-expedited civil cases for federal government attorneys that expire during the duration of the lapse in funding will be tolled. Any tolled deadlines must be fulfilled or appropriate motion filed within 14 days from the end of the shutdown.

Attorneys appointed under the Criminal Justice Act should continue their representation and to submit vouchers for payment.

Attorneys not impacted by the shutdown and pro se litigants are expected to meet established deadlines.

Procedures may be subject to change in accordance with the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1342.

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