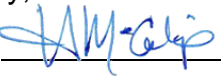


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON AND GALVESTON DIVISIONS

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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May 13 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

SPECIAL ORDER H-2020-15

IN RE: §
PUBLIC REOPENING OF THE §
U.S. COURTHOUSE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS §
AND CONTINUED PUBLIC CLOSURE OF §
THE U.S. COURTHOUSE IN GALVESTON, §
TEXAS §

The Bob Casey U.S. Courthouse in Houston, Texas will reopen to the public on Monday, May 18, 2020. The court will continue to encourage remote or virtual proceedings when feasible and in the interests of justice. The U.S. Courthouse in Galveston, Texas will remain closed to the public until further notice.

The public, employees, and contractors who enter the Houston courthouse must wear masks or face coverings in public areas and in shared workspaces where safe social distancing is not possible. The U.S. Marshal's Service may exclude from the courthouse anyone who does not wear a mask or maintain social distancing. Those coming to the courthouse must provide their own masks; they will not be available at the courthouse. The masks and social distancing requirements also apply to the employees and contractors who enter the Galveston courthouse.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas is open for, and is busy carrying out, its work. The court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system is not affected, and parties may continue to file electronically and email documents to the clerk's office following the standing orders and other instructions on the court's website. Consult the court's regularly updated website for further guidance:

www.txs.uscourts.gov.

Signed this 13th day of May, 2020.



LEE H. ROSENTHAL
CHIEF JUDGE