

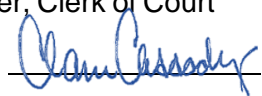
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

September 24, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk



IN THE MATTER OF
ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT
OF SEALED DOCUMENTS

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2025-17

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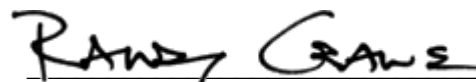
A recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents.

Effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF using the available sealed events but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means.
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties will have to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The court will serve sealed documents in paper by mail or other reliable electronic means as approved by the court.
3. **Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).** Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures. [General Order No. 2021-3 In Re: Procedures for the Filing, Service, and Management of Highly Sensitive Documents \(HSDs\)](#).
4. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures.** Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office. A list of divisional office locations and contact information is attached.

This Order supersedes all inconsistent prior court orders, CM/ECF administrative procedures, and local rules.

DATED: September 24, 2025



RANDY CRANE
CHIEF JUDGE

Southern District of Texas Courthouse Locations and Contact Information

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Corpus Christi Division

United States Courthouse
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
361-888-3142
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Galveston Division

United States Post Office and Courthouse
601 Rosenberg, Room 411
Galveston, Texas 77550
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Victoria Division

Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building
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Houston Division

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Laredo Division

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