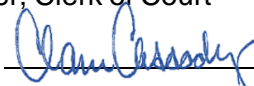


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

October 17, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk



OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
TEXAS DURING A LAPSE IN
APPROPRIATIONS

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2025-21

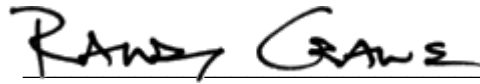
ORDER

An appropriation or continuing resolution funding the operation of the federal judiciary has not been enacted, and the federal judiciary has been operating using fees and other funds not dependent on a new appropriation since October 1, 2025. Those funds will be exhausted on October 17, 2025, at which time the federal judiciary will operate under the terms of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341, *et.seq.* which allows excepted work to continue during a lapse in appropriations. To support the exercise of the Court's constitutional judicial function and power during a lapse in appropriations, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. All judiciary employees, including Federal Public Defender employees, are declared excepted considering the mission critical staffing levels required in the geographically dispersed seven Divisions of the Court.
2. All employees are expected to report to work for regular duties unless instructed otherwise.
3. Non-case related travel will be avoided.
4. No new personnel will be hired.
5. No new financial obligations will be incurred except as may be necessary for the resolution of cases.
6. The General Services Administration and the United States Marshal's Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safety of courthouses and personnel in this District.

7. This Order will remain in effect until there is a continuing resolution or appropriation funding the federal judiciary and may be superseded or amended by further orders of this Court.

Signed the 17th day of October 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Crane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

RANDY CRANE
CHIEF JUDGE