

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA


In re: )  
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COURT OPERATIONS IN THE ) Misc. Proc. #18-209  
ABSENCE OF AN APPROPRIATION )  
OR CONTINUING RESOLUTION )  
)

**STANDING ORDER**

In the event the United States Congress and the President do not enact an appropriation or continuing resolution that funds the operations of the United States Courts, this Standing Order shall govern the operations of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the "Bankruptcy Court") until such time as an appropriation bill or continuing resolution is passed, or an Order is issued that supersedes this Order. Dispensing justice is mandated by the Constitution and is essential to government. The resolution of cases and controversies is the only work and product of the Bankruptcy Court. Therefore,

**AND NOW**, this 19th day of December, 2018, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- (1) All employees of the Bankruptcy Court (including Chamber's staff and Clerk's Office staff) are hereby deemed to be essential as part of, or essential support for, the exercise of judicial powers.
- (2) All employees of the Court and the Clerk's Office shall report to work for their regularly scheduled hours.<sup>1</sup>
- (3) All normal operations of the Bankruptcy Court shall continue, except that traveling, training, hiring and spending are prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Chief Bankruptcy Judge.
- (4) The General Services Administration, Federal Protective Service, and U.S. Marshals Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safe use of all Bankruptcy Court space.

  
CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

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<sup>1</sup> The impact of the appropriation lapse on employee pay and benefits will be determined by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts pursuant to applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines.