

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

IN RE:
OPERATING THE COURT IN THE
ABSENCE OF AN APPROPRIATION
OR CONTINUING RESOLUTION

General Order No. 25-1

GENERAL ORDER

If there is a lapse in appropriations due to the failure of Congress to pass a budget or continuing resolution and if the federal Judiciary has exhausted its fees and no-year appropriated funds to maintain paid operations, the Clerk shall implement the following contingency plan to enable the court to fulfill its constitutional and statutory duties and perform activities that protect the safety of human life and protect property.

Because all Bankruptcy Judges, their personal staffs, and officers and employees of the Clerk's Office perform functions that are necessary and essential to the continued resolution of bankruptcy cases or are otherwise "excepted activities" under the Anti-Deficiency Act (ADA), 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341-42,

IT IS ORDERED that court staff will continue to work during any funding lapse as they may be directed by their supervisors. However, to comply with the ADA, Bankruptcy Court employee activities shall be limited to functions that are excepted under the ADA. Travel and other expenses shall be limited to those necessary to support excepted activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall, in consultation with the Judges, determine on a regular and periodic basis which officers and employees of the court will perform the excepted activities. Officers and employees assigned to perform essential activities shall report to work as directed by their supervisors. Officers and employees who are not directed to report to work will be temporarily furloughed until they are directed to report to work.

Unless this Order is modified or revoked by the Chief Judge, this Order shall remain in effect until it expires on September 30, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of October, 2025.

s/ Dale L. Somers
Chief Judge Dale L. Somers