

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
STANDING ORDER NO. 26-1
PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS 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;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective April 21, 2026, and until such time as the court orders otherwise, the following procedures apply:

1. *Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.* Sealed documents must be filed in CM/ECF according to existing procedures (*see* D. Kan. LBR 5005.1 Appx. 1-01, ¶ VI, and <https://www.ksb.uscourts.gov/how-electronically-file-sealed-documents>) but are no longer 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 must serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure or as directed by the court. The court will serve sealed documents in paper by mail.
3. *Notice 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 the Bankruptcy Noticing Center. The court will notice sealed documents in paper by mail.
4. *Copies of Sealed Documents.* Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document must contact the clerk's office to request a paper copy. Applicable copy fees as outlined in the Fee Schedule posted to the court's public website (<https://www.ksb.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule>) apply to such requests.
5. *Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).* Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs remain subject to the court's HSD procedures (*see* <https://www.ksb.uscourts.gov/how-file-highly-sensitive-documents>).

This Order supersedes all inconsistent prior court orders and local rules.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 21st day of April, 2026.

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

s/Robert D. Berger
ROBERT D. BERGER
Judge

s/Mitchell L. Herren
MITCHELL L. HERREN
Judge

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