

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE: STAY OF CIVIL PROCEEDINGS)
RELATED TO THE UNITED STATES) CIVIL. MISC. NO. 2:25-mc-4043-ECM
IN LIGHT OF LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS)

GENERAL ORDER STAYING CIVIL LITIGATION
RELATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN LIGHT OF LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS federal funding for certain functions of the United States of America lapsed at midnight on October 1, 2025,

WHEREAS since that time and as of the date of this Order, no appropriation bill or continuing resolution has been passed that would restore funding;

WHEREAS attorneys and other employees of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama have been furloughed and are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, during the lapse of appropriations;

WHEREAS employees of other federal agencies who may have matters before the Court, with limited exceptions, also are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, during the lapse of appropriations; and

WHEREAS motions for stay have been filed and granted in multiple cases by individual judges in the Middle District of Alabama in civil litigation in which the United States, its federal agencies, or its officers and/or employees are named parties, or in which the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, any Assistant United States Attorney, or any Special Assistant United States Attorney is counsel of record, including any such matter pending before a Magistrate Judge,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all civil litigation in which the United States, its federal agencies, or its officers and/or employees are named parties, or in which the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, any Assistant United States Attorney, or any Special Assistant

United States Attorney is counsel of record, including any such matter pending before a Magistrate Judge, except for cases brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, is STAYED until appropriations are restored.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama shall notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the U.S. Department of Justice or enacted a continuing resolution.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when appropriations are restored, all deadlines in place as of the date of this Order shall automatically be extended the number of calendar days of the lapse in appropriations plus seven calendar days without further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall file a Notice of General Order, attaching a complete copy of this General Order as an exhibit, in every civil case in which the United States, its federal agencies, or its officers and/or employees are named parties, or in which the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, any Assistant United States Attorney, or any Special Assistant United States Attorney is counsel of record, including any such matter pending before a Magistrate Judge, except for cases brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

DONE this 21st day of October, 2025.

/s/ Emily C. Marks
EMILY C. MARKS
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE