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KEVIN P. WEIMER, Clerk
By: *d. Ha* Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURES
FOR ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT OF
SEALED FILINGS IN CM/ECF**

STANDING ORDER 25-02

ORDER

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in Washington, D.C., which controls and maintains the Case Management / Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system for the federal judiciary, has reported a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the system. To improve the security of sealed filings, the AO has implemented new procedures to prevent sealed filings from being accessed or viewed electronically in CM/ECF.

To comply with the new procedures, effective immediately **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

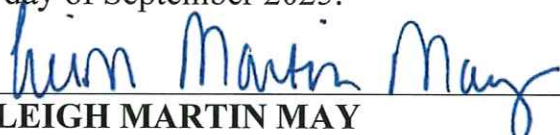
- (1) Attorneys authorized to practice in the Northern District of Georgia are to continue to file sealed documents (except those that qualify as highly sensitive documents) using CM/ECF.
- (2) As sealed filings no longer are accessible or viewable electronically in CM/ECF, they cannot be served through CM/ECF. Parties therefore must serve sealed filings through a different means authorized by the Federal Rules of Procedure. Certificates of service must reference the means used.

(3) Parties to a case should maintain their own copies of sealed filings in the case. Any person seeking access to a sealed filing from the Court must file a motion accompanied by a proposed order. The motion and proposed order must reference the docket number of the document requested. The proposed order must identify the individual(s) authorized to retrieve the sealed filing. Anyone opposing the motion must respond within 14 days after service of the motion. Upon issuance of a court order granting access, an authorized individual may obtain a copy of the filing in person at the public filing counter in any division of the Court. Valid identification will be required, and applicable copy fees will apply.

(4) The Court's local rules, orders, and procedures will be revised to comply with this order and the new procedures for sealed documents. To the extent this order is inconsistent with any local rule, order, or procedure, this order controls, except that sealed documents meeting the narrow definition of highly sensitive documents continue to be governed by separate rules and procedures.

(5) Questions about filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office docketing section at 404-215-1655.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of September 2025.


LEIGH MARTIN MAY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE