

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

In re: Continuance of Bankruptcy Matters Due to Lapse in Federal funding

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #119 ON CONTINUANCE OF BANKRUPTCY MATTERS
DUE TO LAPSE IN FEDERAL FUNDING**

WHEREAS the lapse in federal funding, which began on December 21, 2018, has failed to be resolved either by a full appropriations bill or a continuing resolution; and

WHEREAS Department of Justice employees and employees of other federal Departments and Agencies are prohibited by legislation from working during a lapse in federal funding, even on a voluntary basis (except in limited circumstances under 31 U.S.C. 1342).

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

a. All hearings involving any claim, lien, or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies, scheduled for the week of January 7, 2019, and each week thereafter through the conclusion of the week in which the partial-government shutdown ceases, are continued and shall be placed on the next appropriate calendar;

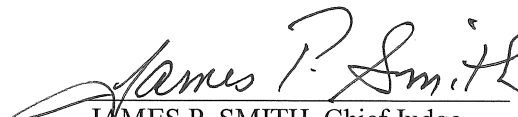
b. All current deadlines in matters involving a claim, lien, or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies, shall be extended through and including January 31, 2019;

c. All adversary proceedings to which the United States, including its agencies, is a party shall be stayed until such time that Congress has restored appropriations;

d. If funding is not restored by January 31, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., the Civil Chief of the United States Attorney's office shall so notify the Courtroom Deputy Clerk for the Chief Bankruptcy Judge of this District so that such further action may be taken as is just and proper; and

e. The Civil Chief of the United States Attorney's office shall forthwith notify the Courtroom Deputy Clerk for the Chief Bankruptcy Judge of this District once appropriations have been restored.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 28 day of December, 2018.


JAMES P. SMITH, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court