

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

In re:)
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PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND) Administrative Order 2026-02
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED)
DOCUMENTS)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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 as of the date of this order and until such time as the Court orders otherwise,

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents may continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures as provided in the Clerk's Instructions but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means; and

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 will have to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The Court will serve sealed documents in paper by mail; and

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; and

4. Additional 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 will have to contact the Clerk's Office to request a paper copy. Applicable copy [fees](#) will be applied to such requests; and

5. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the Court's HSD [procedures](#); and

6. Questions about Sealed Document Procedures. Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the Clerk's Office at 478-752-3506.

This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior orders, local rules, and provisions of the Clerk's Instructions.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 22nd day of April, 2026.


Austin E. Carter
Chief Judge