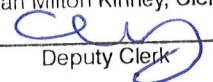


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**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING
PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT OF SEALED DOCUMENTS**

In light of recent cyberattacks on the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (“CM/ECF”) system, federal courts are required to implement new procedures for the access, storage, and management of sealed documents. Effective immediately and until such time as the Court orders otherwise:

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures but will not be accessible or viewable by electronic means.
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Files in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are not accessible or viewable electronically, parties will have to continue to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court will serve sealed Orders, Rulings, and Notices by paper or other appropriate means.
3. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are not accessible or viewable electronically, the filing party must continue to provide a copy to a party entitled to access a sealed document. The Clerk’s Office can provide a copy to an authorized party but must charge the copy fees set forth in the Judicial Conference’s fee schedule.

4. **Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).** Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures (See Administrative Order 24-30, dated 11/22/24.)
5. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures.** Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the Clerk's Office.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 29th day of September, 2025 at Hartford, Connecticut.

 /s/ Michael P. Shea

Michael P. Shea

Chief United States District Judge
District of Connecticut