

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: Extension of Special Sessions )  
of Court Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 141(b)(1) )

General Order No. 21-18

PATRICK KEANEY  
Clerk, U.S. District Court

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

GENERAL ORDER

This Order serves as an extension of the Court's previous General Order 21-10 authorizing special sessions of court to be held in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma for both criminal and civil cases pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 141(b)(1). The onslaught of cases arising from the United States Supreme Court's decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 140 S.Ct. 2452 (2020) continues along with the logjam of cases created due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Eastern District's available trial courtrooms - three within the Ed Edmondson Federal Courthouse in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and one within the Muskogee County Courthouse via license agreement with Muskogee County - are simply insufficient during these emergency conditions to accommodate nine District Judges trying Eastern District cases. Consequently, as the effects of the *McGirt* decision and the logjam created by the COVID-19 pandemic continue to render it impossible to accommodate trial settings solely in the Eastern District, the Court extends the special sessions of court authorization put in place under General Order 21-10. The Court is of the belief that absent a permanent solution to the *McGirt* fallout, the emergency conditions will continue unabated; nonetheless, the Court will review this order within 180 days to determine the necessity of the utilization of the Western District of Oklahoma's courtrooms as set forth herein and in General Order 21-10.

It is so ordered this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2021.

*Ronald A. White*

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RONALD A. WHITE  
CHIEF JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT