

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: EXTENSION OF SPECIAL)
SESSIONS OF COURT PURSUANT TO) General Order No. 23-20
28 U.S.C. § 141(b)(1))

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BONNIE HACKLER
Clerk, U.S. District Court

By _____
Deputy Clerk

GENERAL ORDER

This Order serves as an extension of the Court’s previous General Orders 21-10, 21-18, 22-3, 22-22 and 23-9 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. The Eastern District’s available trial courtrooms - three (3) within the Ed Edmondson Federal Courthouse in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and one within the Muskogee County Courthouse via license agreement with Muskogee County District Court – are insufficient during these emergency conditions to accommodate nine (9) plus District Judges who could be simultaneously trying Eastern District cases. Consequently, as the effects of the *McGirt* decision continue to render it impossible to schedule trial settings solely in the Eastern District, the Court extends the special sessions of court authorization put in place under General Orders 21-10, 21-18, 22-3, 22-22 and 23-9. 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.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of December, 2023.

Ronald A. White

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE