

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: )  
UPDATED PROCEDURES FOR THE )  
FILING AND SERVICE OF SEALED )  
AND RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS )

General Order 25-13 By

BONNIE HACKLER  
Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Deputy Clerk

**GENERAL ORDER**

Due to recent cyberattacks on the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (“CM/ECF”) system of the federal courts, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma hereby implements new procedures for the access, service, and management of sealed documents. Effective as of the date of this Order and until such time as the Court orders otherwise, the Court adopts the procedures set forth below:

1. **Filing and Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Counsel and pro se parties with electronic filing privileges will be able to resume filing sealed documents in CM/ECF under the Court’s existing sealing procedures. *See Sealed & Ex Parte Attorney Filing Instructions.* After filing, these documents will no longer be accessible or viewable in CM/ECF or PACER by the filer or other case participants.
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Since sealed documents filed in CM/ECF will no longer be accessible or viewable by case participants, service cannot be accomplished through CM/ECF. Instead, parties and counsel must serve sealed documents conventionally by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure and this Court’s Local Rules. *See, e.g.,* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5, Fed. R. Civ. P. 6, Fed. R. Crim. P. 49, LR Cv 5.1, and LR Cr 49.1. The Court will serve sealed orders, notices, and other Court-generated sealed documents by U.S. Mail.<sup>1</sup>
3. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Since sealed documents filed in CM/ECF will no longer be accessible or viewable, a party or counsel with permission to access a sealed document in a case must contact the Clerk’s Office to obtain a copy. The Court may impose fees for copies as set forth in the District Court 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. For more information on the filing of HSDs, *see* Court’s General Order Regarding Procedures for the Handling, Filing, Service, and Management of Highly Sensitive Documents.

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<sup>1</sup> The Offices of the United States Attorney and the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Oklahoma have consented to alternate methods of service.

5. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures.** Any questions about the filing of or access to sealed documents should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (918) 684-7920 or [cm-ecfintake\\_oked@oked.uscourts.gov](mailto:cm-ecfintake_oked@oked.uscourts.gov).
6. This Order supersedes all inconsistent prior orders of the Court, Local Rules, and other guidance regarding the filing of sealed documents.

SO ORDERED THIS 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

  
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RONALD A. WHITE  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE