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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

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

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

IN RE: EXTENSION OF SPECIAL )  
SESSIONS OF COURT PURSUANT TO ) General Order No. 26-14  
28 U.S.C. § 141(b)(1) )

**GENERAL ORDER**

This Order serves as an extension of the Court’s previous General Orders authorizing special sessions of court to be held in the United States District Courts for the Northern and Western Districts 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 – are insufficient during these emergency conditions to accommodate the many visiting Article III judges designated who could be simultaneously trying Eastern District cases plus the routine settings of the Court. 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.

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 courtrooms of the Western District and Northern District as set forth herein. The Court will revisit this Order on or before December 1, 2026.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of June, 2026.

  
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JOHN J. HEIL, III  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE