

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of MI  
Detroit

Re: Procedures for Access, Service,  
and Management of Sealed Documents

Administrative Order:

No. 25-AO-020 (REVISED)

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

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

1. **Filing and Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures [Appendix ECF](#). After filing, these documents will no longer be accessible or viewable in CM/ECF.
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Since sealed documents filed in CM/ECF will no longer be accessible or viewable, service can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Instead, parties will serve sealed documents conventionally by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The Court will serve sealed orders, notices, and other Court-generated documents by secure electronic means to attorneys of record and self-represented parties granted CM/ECF filing privileges and via U.S. Mail to non-CM/ECF filers.
3. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Since sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable, a party with permission to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document will contact the Clerk's Office to request a copy. After confirming

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that the party making the request has the permission to access the document, the Clerk's Office will provide the document(s) by either secure electronic means or U.S. Mail. Requests for paper copies of sealed documents will be subject to the current docket copy fee rate as set forth by the [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 [Administrative Order - HSD Procedures](#).
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 at (313) 234-5000.

This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior Court orders, local rules, or other guidance regarding the service of and access to sealed documents.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

FOR THE COURT:



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Stephen J. Murphy, III  
Chief Judge

9/24/2025

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Date