

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

IN RE:)
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STAY OF CIVIL PROCEEDINGS)
IN THE UNITED STATES) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE)
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA) 2019-01
IN LIGHT OF LAPSE OF)
APPROPRIATIONS)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER STAYING CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

Federal funding for certain functions of the United States of America, including the Department of Justice, lapsed at midnight of December 21, 2018. Since that time, no appropriation bill or continuing resolution has been passed that would restore funding to the Department or other federal agencies that have also experienced a lapse in appropriations. The Court has been informed that because of this lapse attorneys and other employees of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia, with limited exceptions, are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, during the lapse of funding. Furthermore, employees of many other federal agencies who may have matters before the Court, with limited exceptions, also are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, during the lapse of funding.

The United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, on behalf of the United States, its federal agencies, and its officers and employees, has filed an emergency motion for an administrative order staying all civil cases in which the United States, its federal agencies, and its officers and employees are named parties or in which the United States Attorney or any Assistant United States Attorney is counsel of record based on the current lapse in appropriations. The motion is granted.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- (1) Any and all civil cases (excluding civil immigration habeas matters) pending in the District Court of the Middle District of Georgia in which the United States, any of its federal agencies, or any of its officers and/or employees is a named party, including any such matter pending before a magistrate judge, are stayed until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department of Justice and the subject client agency or agencies, or enacted another continuing resolution, restoring funds to the Department and the subject client agency or agencies.
- (2) Any and all civil cases (excluding civil immigration matters) pending in the District Court of the Middle District of Georgia in which the United States Attorney or any Assistant United States Attorney is counsel of

record, including any such matter pending before a Magistrate Court Judge, are hereby stayed until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department of Justice and the subject client agency or agencies, or enacted another continuing resolution, restoring funds to the Department and the subject client agency or agencies.

- (3) The United States Attorney's Office shall notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department of Justice and the subject client agency or agencies or enacted another continuing resolution restoring funds to the Department and the subject client agency or agencies.
- (4) At the point that Congress has appropriated funds for the Department and the subject client agency or agencies, or enacted another continuing resolution, restoring funds to the Department and the subject client agency or agencies, all deadlines in place as of the date of this Order shall automatically be extended for a period of time commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations without further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of January, 2019.

S/Clay D. Land
CLAY D. LAND, CHIEF JUDGE