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NOTICE TO THE BAR OCTOBER 20, 2025

LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS – PHASE 2, GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Notice is hereby given to the Bar and all interested parties that, beginning today, October 20, 2025, federal courts enter Phase 2 of the Government Shutdown. This means that all federal courts will no longer have funding to sustain full, paid operations. Until the ongoing lapse in government funding is resolved, federal courts will maintain limited operations necessary to perform the Judiciary's constitutional functions. In accordance with the Constitution, federal judges continue to serve, but court staff may only perform excepted activities permitted under the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341 et. seq.

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey continues to remain open, but judicial operations may be affected. Attorneys, jurors, and litigants should continue to report as directed. Jurors also should continue to report as directed. The Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) is unaffected and remains accessible and available for electronic filing of documents. Consult PACER for specific case information.

Additional updates will be posted on the Court's website (<u>www.njd.uscourts.gov</u>) as new information becomes available.