

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

IN RE:)
)
BUSINESS OF THE COURT) PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND
) MANAGEMENT OF RESTRICTED OR
) SEALED DOCUMENTS

Administrative Order

WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of restricted or sealed documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. Electronic Access to Restricted or Sealed Documents. Restricted or sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means.
2. Service of Restricted or Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Because restricted or sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished by email through CM/ECF. Parties must serve restricted or sealed documents upon other parties by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure. Restricted or sealed orders and documents entered by the court will continue to be served electronically by email directly from the court within the next business day of filing. Parties who prefer to receive restricted or sealed documents in paper by mail must make their request in writing. Paper copies will be mailed within one business day.
3. Additional Copies of Restricted or Sealed Documents. Because restricted or sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, applicable parties who are authorized to have access to the document and are in need of additional copies can contact the Clerk's Office at moed_request@moed.uscourts.gov. Questions may be directed to the same. Please allow one business day for delivery. Applicable [copy fees](#) will be applied to such requests.
4. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). Restricted or sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's [HSD procedures](#).

This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior court orders, CM/ECF procedure manuals, and local rules.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 27th day of October 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SLR. CR', written over a horizontal line.

STEPHEN R. CLARK
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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