

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Attorneys who Practice in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio

CC: All Employees, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio

FROM: Chief Judge Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren

DATE: October 7, 2013

RE: General Order No. 13-02; Operation of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio, in the Absence of an Appropriation Bill or Continuing Resolution by the United States Congress

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This is to follow up on my memo of September 30, 2013 which described the court's fiscal situation for roughly the first ten business days following a lapse in appropriations. Today, the judges approved General Order No. 13-02, which covers the time following that period. The practical effect of this Order is that all court employees will be required to continue to come to work because they are performing essential functions; they will not, however, be paid until Congress resolves the budget issues.

I want to express the judges' appreciation to all members of the clerk's office during these difficult financial times. Like most employed Americans, these individuals count on receiving a regular paycheck to meet their own obligations. The knowledge that—absent Congressional action—they will be reporting to work without being timely paid puts a great deal of pressure on them and on their families. We are grateful that, despite this uncertainty, the staff has shown once again that they can and will set aside their own personal situations to serve the public good.