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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

David J. Smith
Clerk

GENERAL ORDER NO. 46

**REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER COURT FACILITIES AND TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION OF PAPER FILING REQUIREMENTS**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention having warned the public to take precautions in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and having advised that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- General Order No. 44 entered on March 15, 2020 is VACATED.
- Access to the Elbert P. Tuttle Courthouse and John C. Godbold Federal Building (court facilities) is restricted to judges, court staff, members of the media, vendors, and visitors having official business with the Court.
- Visitors and unaccompanied vendors must use the Forsyth Street entrance at the Tuttle Courthouse or the Poplar Street Entrance at the Godbold Federal Building. All court visitors and unaccompanied vendors must use only these two designated entrances and must comply with screening procedures. Signs will be posted to guide individuals through the screening process.
- Individuals **SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS** to court facilities if they
 - Have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above,
 - Currently have COVID-19,
 - For the previous 14 days, have been asked or required to self-quarantine,
 - For the previous 14 days, have had known close contact with a person who has COVID-19, or
 - For the previous 14 days, have had: a temperature of more than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.

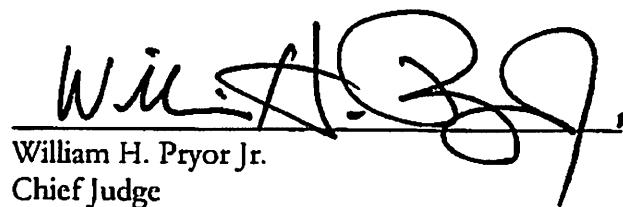
Such individuals shall not submit paper copies of briefs or appendices and should contact the Clerk's Office for further instructions.

- By entering court facilities, all individuals are self-certifying that they meet the requirements for doing so and that they will comply with posted signs.
- All individuals entering court facilities must wear a mask or face covering. If an individual does not have a mask or face covering and if a mask is available, the Court of Appeals may provide a mask. If an individual does not wear a mask and the Court of Appeals does not have one to provide, the individual will be denied entry.

- When approaching the entry door, all individuals must stop and wait for the Court Security Officer to signal before entering the vestibule.
- Each visitor and vendor must use the temperature self-check station. Posted written instructions will list the procedures for taking the entrant's temperature.
- A list of all relevant contacts and telephone numbers for the court units will be posted. Any visitor or vendor denied building entry due to an elevated temperature or suspected illness will be referred to the contact list and asked to contact the court unit with whom they have business for further instructions.
- Individuals delivering required filings, pleadings, and briefs must use the drop box inside the entrance to the Godbold Federal Building on Poplar Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on business days.
- Parties who have filed their brief and appendices through CM/ECF will temporarily not be required to file paper copies of briefs and appendices should that party file a notice stating they are unable to comply with the requirement but will do so at a future date to be established by the Court.

The Court will continue to assess the ongoing need for the entry restrictions and update such restrictions as warranted. The Court takes this temporary action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of the federal judiciary and staff, members of the Bar, and the public.

Questions regarding this Order or any other matter, may be directed to the Clerk's Office at (404) 335-6100 or clerks_office@call.uscourts.gov.



William H. Pryor Jr.
Chief Judge