

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2013-01**

**IN RE: OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY IN THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROPRIATION BILL OR CONTINUING RESOLUTION BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.**

In the event that an appropriations bill or continuing resolution funding the operations of the United States Court is not passed by Congress and signed by the President or in the event that there is a lapse in funding due to the expiration of a continuing resolution or other failure to have an appropriation for the operation of the United States Courts, this order shall take effect.

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky shall continue to perform its constitutional duty to hear and decide cases without interruption. All sessions of the court will be held in accordance with the court's previously adopted schedule as necessary during any such lapse in appropriations.
2. If possible, all cases shall continue to be processed according to normal schedules and priorities.
3. All court support employees of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky, including offices of the Clerk, are deemed essential to maintain and support the exercise of the judicial power of the United States and case resolution. It is therefore ORDERED that all court support employees of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky shall report for duty as scheduled and that all regular operations in support of the judicial function shall continue until further order. In the event of an extended lapse in appropriations for the judiciary, the level of necessary staff and operations will be reviewed on a periodic basis and may be subject to further order.
4. In accordance with the Guide to Judiciary Policy, United States Court Operations without Appropriations, Vol. 13, Ch. 2 § 220.30, each bankruptcy judge shall determine the necessary level of service of chambers support staff who are essential to the resolution of cases.
5. During any lapse in funding for the judiciary, no new personnel shall be hired and no new obligations, such as acquisition of equipment, shall be made unless absolutely essential to the resolution of cases and controversies or unless expressly authorized by the chief judge or his designee. Travel utilizing appropriated funds, other than that necessary to resolve cases and controversies, shall be avoided unless expressly authorized by the chief judge or his designee.
6. The General Services Administration shall provide the level of services and building maintenance normally provided, and the United States Marshal Service

shall maintain all functions necessary for the appropriate security of all judges and court employees and for the safe use of all court facilities in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2d day of October, 2013.

  
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THOMAS H. FULTON, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT