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**Vicki Kinkade**  
Chief Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

**In Re:** )  
CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE )  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT ) **Administrative Order No. 82 –**  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ) **SUPPLEMENTAL**  
TENNESSEE IN THE ABSENCE OF )  
AN APPROPRIATION BILL OR )  
CONTINUING RESOLUTION BY THE )  
UNITED STATES CONGRESS )  
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**ORDER**

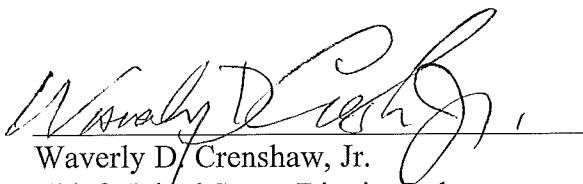
The United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee has advised the Court by letter dated September 29, 2023, that in the event of a lapse of appropriations certain Department of Justice attorneys and employees of the federal government are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including "emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property." 31 U.S.C. § 1342. As such, the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee requests that all civil litigation involving as a party the United States of America, its agencies, its officers or employees, and/or any other party represented by the Department of Justice, or the United States Attorney's Office be stayed for a period of 21 days. In response, and with the intent to avoid any default or prejudice to the United States or other civil litigants occasioned by the lapse in funding, the Court issues this Order.

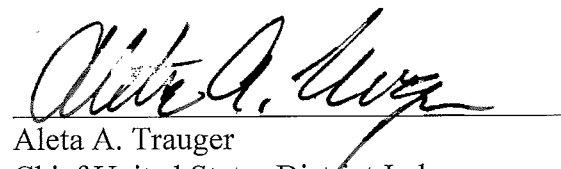
Effective midnight on September 30, 2023, in the event of a government shutdown, all civil litigation in which the United States of America is a party, its agencies, its officers or employees (whether in their individual or official capacity and whether current or former employees), is a party or in which any party is represented by the Department of Justice or the United States

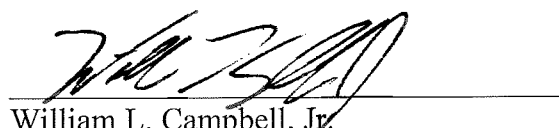
Attorney's Office is immediately suspended, postponed and held in abeyance from the date of entry of this Order until October 20, 2023. The Court intends "civil litigation" to include all pending non-criminal cases in which the United States, its agencies, its officers or employees (whether in their individual or official capacity and whether current or former employees) is in any way a named party and any non-criminal cases in which the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee or the Department of Justice is counsel of record. This includes, without limitation, all pending Social Security cases and all cases seeking monetary or equitable relief in which the United States is involved as a civil litigant.


No party will be required to take any steps in civil litigation affected until expiration of the stay. This Order does not purport to affect rights to or deadlines concerning appeal from any decision of this Court, which will continue to operate and issue orders in the normal course. The presiding judge may deviate from any provision of this order when appropriate for the needs of a case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr.  
Chief United States District Judge

  
Aleta A. Trauger  
Chief United States District Judge

  
William L. Campbell, Jr.  
United States District Judge

  
Eli Richardson  
United States District Judge