

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE PROCEDURES FOR THE
STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT
OF SEALED DOCUMENTS

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Whereas a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the electronic filing systems of the federal courts requires new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this Order,

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in the Court's electronic filing system but will not be accessible or viewable in the system. Although parties will receive notices of electronic filing when sealed documents are filed in their cases, the documents themselves will not be accessible or viewable electronically. *Note: Documents that are restricted but not sealed, included restricted documents in Social Security and immigration proceedings, may continue to be accessed and viewed electronically by the parties at the courthouse public terminals.*
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in the Electronic Filing System.**
 - a. Because sealed documents are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents cannot be accomplished through the electronic filing system. Therefore, all parties, including unrepresented litigants (pro se), must serve all sealed documents by another means authorized by Rule 5(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil or Criminal Procedure.
 - b. The Clerk will serve copies of all court-generated sealed orders and judgments via encrypted email and by U.S. mail to all unrepresented litigants who do not have electronic filing and service privileges.
 - c. The Clerk will not process copy requests for sealed records filed within the preceding 10 business days.

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3. **Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).** Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures set forth in General Order 2 dated January 28, 2021.
4. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures.** Any questions about the filing or access to sealed documents should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (612) 664-5000.

This Order supersedes any inconsistent prior court orders and local rules.

Dated:

12/03/25



Patrick J. Schiltz, Chief Judge
United States District Court