GENERAL ORDER NO. 13-18

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AND UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS IN THE ABSENCE OF FUNDING

Since the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch appear to be at an impasse regarding funding for the Third Branch, and seeing the need to make provision therefor, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. In light of the geographical diversity of the courts in this district, the distances between courthouses, two district court judicial vacancies, a significant reduction of court staff and salary allotments over the last four years, a significant increase in district court filings during that same time period, and Congress' failure to pass legislation to create two new judgeships authorized by the U.S. Judicial Conference, all employees of the six divisions of this district, including the bankruptcy court and its personnel, the district clerk's office, staff attorneys, court reporters and the U.S. probation office, are deemed essential for support of the exercise of constitutional judicial function and power.

2. All employees should report to work for regular duties unless otherwise instructed.

3. All non case-related travel shall cease, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

4. No new personnel hires shall occur, and no new expenditure of funds shall be made without the consent of the Court.

5. Considering the need to provide continuing judicial functioning within this Court's constitutional mandate, the General Services Administration, United States Marshals Service and all courthouse protective services are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safety of the courthouses and personnel in this district.

6. This order shall be immediately superseded by renewed funding for the Third Branch by the Legislative Branch, and may be superseded or amended by further order of the Court.

Signed this __7__ day of October, 2013.

FOR THE COURT:

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LEONARD DAVIS
Chief Judge