



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS TO AND
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED DOCUMENTS

Admin. Case No. 3:40-mc-13

ORDER

WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents; Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. Electronic Access to Sealed Documents. Sealed documents, including documents restricted to court users and case participants as described in Local Rule 79(e)(3)(B)(1) and (2), will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means.

2. Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Because sealed and restricted documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Attorneys and parties must serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The court will serve sealed documents in paper by mail or by other means including other electronic means.

3. Additional Copies of Sealed Documents. Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed

document will have to contact the clerk's office to request a paper copy. Applicable copy fees will be applied to such requests.

4. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures.

5. Questions about Sealed Document Procedures. Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office by phone at 601-608-4000 (Jackson and Natchez); 601-255-6400 (Hattiesburg); and 228-563-1700 (Gulfport) or by email to clerk_comments@mssd.uscourts.gov.

This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior court orders, CM/ECF procedures, and local rules.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 29th day of September 2025.

s/ Halil Suleyman Ozerden

HALIL SULEYMAN OZERDEN
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE