UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In Re: CONTINUED OPERATION OF UNITS OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN DURING A LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS

Administrative Order No. <u>13-088</u>

In the event that there is a lapse in appropriation for Fiscal Year 2014, failing to provide funding to the United States Courts, and upon depletion of all no year funds and fee revenue, this Order shall take effect.

The United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, including the United States Bankruptcy Court, and Probation and Pretrial Services, shall continue to perform their Constitutional duty to hear and decide cases, and to support case disposition, without interruption. All cases shall continue to be processed according to normal schedules and priorities.

Accordingly, pursuant to the discretion allowed in the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 13, Finance and Budget, Ch. 2 §§ 220.30, *et seq.*, it has been determined that all judicial officers and staff of the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts, and the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office are deemed necessary to the performance of essential court functions.

All employees described in the preceding paragraph shall report to work according to their regularly scheduled hours and shall continue all normal operations unless otherwise specifically instructed.

Any leave time that is unavoidable during the period of this Order shall be taken in accordance with the guidance that issues from the Administrative Office.

No new personnel shall be hired and no new financial obligations shall be made unless absolutely essential to the resolution of cases or unless expressly authorized by the Clerk of Court as to District Court expenditures, Chief Bankruptcy Judge or Clerk as to Bankruptcy Court expenditures, or Chief Probation Officer for Probation and Pretrial Services expenditures. Travel and miscellaneous expenses, other than those necessary for the disposition of cases and to preserve safety of human life and property, shall be avoided unless absolutely necessary and as expressly approved by the authorities listed above.

The General Services Administration shall provide the level of services and building maintenance necessary to ensure that all court facilities are kept open for regular hours plus any extended hours while court is in session. The United States Marshals Service, the Federal Protective Service and other security providers shall maintain all functions necessary for the appropriate security of all judges, court employees, jurors and the public for the safe use of all United States Court facilities within the District.

This Order shall be immediately superceded by an approved appropriation of funding passed by Congress and signed by the President, and may be superceded or amended upon further order of this court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

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Paul L. Maloney, Chief Judge/ United States District Court Western District of Michigan

Dated: <u>October 10, 2013</u>