UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

General 2016-10

OMNIBUS ORDER SUSPENDING ALL DEADLINES

Beginning August 12, 2016, a historic rain flooded significant portions of the Middle District of Louisiana, resulting in a disruption of services and communication in the region. Members of the bar have reported substantial losses, and many have informed the Court that they are currently unable to resume normal office operations.

The Court therefore, on its own motion, finds that the federal courthouse and the office of the Clerk of Court, for the period of time beginning on August 12, 2016, and continuing for the foreseeable future, were and are inaccessible within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a) and Fed. R. App. P. 26(a).

The Court also finds that extraordinary circumstances exist such that the interests of justice are served, and the interests of the public and of the criminal defendants affected are outweighed, by a temporary exclusion of all criminal cases from the time requirements of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED**:

1. That all deadlines and delays, including prescriptive and preemptive periods in cases pending or to be filed in this Court, are hereby suspended until further order of this Court.

2. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), all pending criminal cases are excluded from the time requirements of the Speedy Trial Act until further order of this Court.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 17th day of August, 2016.

BRIAN A. JACKSON, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA