

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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**GENERAL ORDER**

**NO. 2011-03**

IN RE: OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA IN THE ABSENCE OF FUNDING  
AUTHORITY BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT

In the event that for any reason, appropriate funding for the operation of the United States Courts is not made available by the United States Congress and President by midnight, April 8, 2011, this order shall become effective.

The dispensing of justice being an essential part of the functioning of our federal system, all activities essential to maintain and support the exercise of the judicial power of the United States shall continue.

All chambers employees of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana and all of the court support unit employees, including the office of the clerk, the probation office, the bankruptcy court, the library, and the chambers staff of all judicial officers, including the magistrate judges and the bankruptcy judge, are deemed essential and are hereby declared to be such.

All such employees of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana as set forth herein are ordered to report to work for their regularly scheduled hours and to continue all normal operations of the court, except:

(1) Travel, except for caseload travel by probation officers within the district, shall be prohibited without specific authorization of the Chief Judge; and

(2) No new personnel shall be hired and no new obligations, such as acquisition of equipment, shall be made unless absolutely essential to the protection of property or to the resolution of cases and controversies, without specific authorization by the Chief Judge.

The General Services Administration shall provide the level of services and building maintenance normally provided for all court buildings in the district; the United States Marshals Service shall maintain all functions necessary for the appropriate security of all judicial officers and court employees and for the safe use of all court facilities; and the United States Attorney shall maintain all functions necessary to process all criminal cases in accordance with law, including specifically the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act.

This order, if enacted, shall remain in effect for a period of ten (10) days only.

SO ORDERED.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 30, 2011.

  
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RALPH E. TYSON, CHIEF JUDGE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA