

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (March 24, 2020): The Honorable Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, today issued a General Order that supersedes portions of previous General Orders issued in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, and specifically within the Southern District of Indiana.

Please read the [General Order](#) for specific details. This order announces that, effective March 23, 2020, and until further notice, the Court will accept filings from pro se litigants via email, so long as such filings comply with specific requirements outlined in the General Order. Additionally, the Court has ordered that all payments by telephone are temporarily suspended. Other payment options, including payment via mail and Pay.gov, are described in the order.

Court staff are now teleworking as much as is practicable, while still allowing for the continuation of essential functions. Due to the reduction in the number of staff onsite at the four courthouses of the Southern District of Indiana, telephone calls may not always be answered immediately; however, callers will be able to leave a message, which will be returned as promptly as possible. The drop boxes referenced in a previous General Order will remain accessible at all courthouses. The Court will continue to receive and process the mail and other deliveries.

In anticipation that scammers may attempt to take advantage of the confusion and fear caused by the pandemic, the Court reminds all residents of the Southern District of Indiana that a court official or other government employee will never contact someone and demand personal information or payment by phone or email.

Individuals receiving such a call should hang up immediately and may report the incident to the Federal Communications Commission at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1>.

Any orders and information pertinent to Bankruptcy Court matters, including meetings of creditors, can be viewed on that court's website, www.insb.uscourts.gov.

Please continue to monitor the Court's website, www.insd.uscourts.gov, and the Court's [COVID-19 response page](#) for updates and other information regarding Court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.