

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re:  
Requests to File Documents Under Seal in Criminal  
Cases

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2025-13**

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Superseding Order Regarding a Change in the  
Procedures for Filing Documents Under Seal

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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;

WHEREAS by Administrative Order No. 2025-09 dated July 11, 2025, the Court directed that documents filed under seal in criminal cases are exempted from ECF filing and provided new filing procedures;

WHEREAS by Administrative Order No. 2025-10 dated August 8, 2025, the Court directed that documents filed under seal in criminal cases and in cases related to criminal investigations were exempt from ECF filing and provided new filing procedures that superseded the procedures in AO 2025-09;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of 5:00 P.M. of the date of this order and until such time as the Court orders otherwise,

1. This Order supersedes the procedures set forth in Administrative Order No. 2025-09 and Administrative Order No. 2025-10. Except, the procedure for filing sealed documents provided for in Administrative Order No. 2025-10 will continue to apply to MJ and MC case designations where appropriate.
2. Electronic Access to Sealed Documents. Sealed documents will now be filed in CM/ECF under prior existing procedures but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means. The procedures for filing sealed documents are available on the Court's web site: <https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/ecf-usermanual.pdf>.
3. Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties will have to 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.

4. 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. The Court's schedule of fees is available at <https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/court-fees>.
5. Highly Sensitive Documents ("HSDs"). Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the Court's HSD procedures as provided in AO 2021-02, which is available on the Court's web site: <https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/adminorder%202021-02.pdf>.
6. Questions about Sealed Document Procedures. Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the Clerk's office during normal business hours at (718) 613-2610 for Brooklyn or (631) 712-6010 for Central Islip.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: September 23, 2025  
Brooklyn, New York

s/ MKB  
MARGO K. BRODIE  
Chief United States District Judge