
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED
PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND
MANAGEMENT OF RESTRICTED
AND SEALED DOCUMENTS

**GENERAL ORDER
No. 26-004**

**SUPERSEDES
GENERAL ORDER 25-004**

WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on federal courts' CM/ECF systems requires new procedures for the storage and management of restricted and sealed documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this Order, and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. Electronic Filing and Access to Sealed and Restricted Documents. Sealed documents and "restricted documents" (i.e., documents accessible only to the filing party or case participants) will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures. After filing, however, sealed and restricted documents will no longer be accessible in CM/ECF. *Note: CM/ECF automatically restricts certain documents in Social Security and immigration cases. These documents will remain accessible to the parties in CM/ECF.*

2. Service of Sealed and Restricted Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Because sealed and restricted documents filed in CM/ECF will no longer be accessible in CM/ECF, service of those documents cannot be accomplished through CM/ECF. Therefore, parties filing sealed and restricted documents must serve those documents conventionally, by other appropriate means, as provided by federal procedural rules. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 5; Fed. R. Crim. P. 49. The court will serve *court-generated* sealed or restricted orders and other documents by secure electronic means to counsel of record and self-represented parties who have registered with the court to receive electronic notification and by U.S. Mail to parties who have not registered with the court to receive electronic notification.
3. Failure to Serve Sealed and Restricted Documents. If a party files a sealed or restricted document in CM/ECF and fails to serve a party who is entitled to the document and should have been served, the unserved party should request a copy of the document from the filing party, who must provide it.
4. Obtaining Copies of Sealed and Restricted Documents from the Court. A party with permission to access a sealed or restricted document may request a copy of the document from the clerk's office. After confirming that the party making the request has permission to access the document, the clerk's office will provide a copy of the document by secure electronic means or U.S. Mail. However, such copies are subject to the copy fee set forth in the District Court [Fee Schedule](#).
5. Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). Sealed documents that are defined as

HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures set forth in [General Order 21-002 \(amended May 22, 2024\)](#).

6. Questions About Restricted and Sealed Document Procedures. Any questions about the filing of or access to restricted or sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office at utdecf_clerk@utd.uscourts.gov or (801) 524-6100.
7. Effect of this Order. This Order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior court orders, including [General Order 24-004](#), [General Order 25-004](#), ECF procedure manuals, and local rules.

SO ORDERED this 16th day of March 2026.

BY THE COURT:



JILL N. PARRISH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE