

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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DESIGNATION OF ESSENTIAL STAFF
DURING COVID-19 STATE OF
EMERGENCY AND SEQUESTRATION

GENERAL ORDER NO. 38-1
(Effective March 20, 2020)

This Court issues this General Order in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Ohio and the state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine.

As stated at the Governor's COVID-19 press conference on March 19, 2020: (1) courts must remain open to address emergency and time-sensitive matters; and (2) clerk's offices must remain open and accessible to the public.

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (OHSB) is operating on a rotating skeleton staff during the current state of emergency. This rotating skeleton staff, including Judges, Chambers staff, and Clerk's Office staff, is essential to continued Court operations and access to justice.

Accordingly, all staff of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio, including Judges, Chambers staff, and Clerk's Office staff, are hereby deemed **ESSENTIAL** employees that must be afforded unfettered access to travel to and from the courthouses at all times during the COVID-19 outbreak, including any period of sequestration ordered by the Governor.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge Jeffery P. Hopkins
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio