



United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Florida



*Memorandum from
Lee Ann Bennett
Clerk of Court*

DATE: October 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Government shutdown

Due to the on-going government shutdown and unless new funding is approved, beginning on October 18, 2013, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida and its Clerk's office will only perform essential work of the court.

Essential work will include timely processing of motions, orders, emergency applications, and other litigation papers. CM/ECF will continue to operate. The Clerk will accept and process all new bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. Our judges will continue to issue orders, enforce judgments, and hold scheduled hearings and trials.

The Court recognizes other federal agencies may need continuances or deferrals if the shutdown prevents their participation in pending matters.

Non-essential work that the Court will not perform during the shutdown includes closing cases, training (including Brown Bag Luncheons), committee meetings and work, compiling statistics, travel, and purchasing. Parties may experience unexpected delays in some areas.

Every member of the Court family is working during the shutdown with no assurance of receiving their regular pay. I appreciate their dedication and hard work during these unprecedented times. Each and everyone is a dedicated and loyal public servant.