

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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United States District Court
Eastern District of Tennessee
Date: *Apr 15, 2020, 3:36 pm*

In Re:)
) SO-20-10
COURTROOM ACCESS DURING)
COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and has issued social distancing guidelines through April 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Tennessee has declared a state of public health emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 and has issued a state-wide “Stay at Home” Order through April 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts has found that emergency conditions caused by COVID-19 will materially affect the functioning of the Courts and has made an emergency declaration covering the Eastern District of Tennessee;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Tennessee Department of Health have advised taking measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and recognizes the need to assist in the preservation of public safety and health while affectively administering justice during this period of national emergency; it is hereby

ORDERED that, effective immediately and until May 4, 2020, only those persons with official court business shall enter any courtroom in any courthouse in the Eastern District of Tennessee. Persons having official court business include:

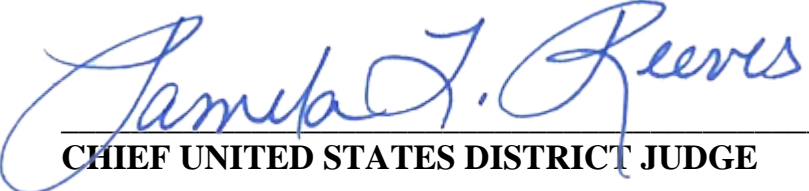
- Court employees,

- GSA employees and contractors,
- Parties/litigants,
- Counsel of record and support staff,
- Witnesses,
- Contract Court Interpreters, and
- Others specifically authorized by the presiding judge.

All hearings, whether held by video or teleconference, will be accessible to the public unless sealed. Call-in information for the public or media will be listed on the Court's public calendar, available on the Court's public website.¹

Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 53 and E.D. Tenn. L.R. 83.1(d).

ENTER:



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ The Court's public calendar is available at <https://www.tned.uscourts.gov/district-calendar>.