

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

ORDER RE: ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT OF SEALED DOCUMENTS

Recent escalations in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts require the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents.

IT IS ORDERED that, effective May 1, 2026:

1. **Filing Sealed Documents:** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing local rules and procedures.
2. **Notice of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF:** Parties in the case will receive a Notice of Electronic Filing when a sealed document is filed; however, sealed documents will no longer be accessible or viewable electronically.
3. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF:** Sealed documents will not be served through CM/ECF or the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.
 - a. Filing parties must serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.
 - b. The Clerk's Office must serve sealed court-issued documents only by mail.
4. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Copies of a sealed document may be requested by contacting the Clerk's Office. The requesting party must have appropriate authority to receive copies and pay required copy fees.
5. **Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).** Sealed documents defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the Local Rules of the United States District Court, District of North Dakota.
6. Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office at 701-297-7100 or clerks_office@ndb.uscourts.gov.

This Order supersedes any inconsistent prior court orders, procedure manuals, and local rules.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2026.



SHON HASTINGS, JUDGE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT