



# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

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## **Public Advisory Restricting Access to the National Courts Building**

Based on declared public health emergencies impacting Washington, D.C. and the National Capital Region and ongoing efforts to mitigate community transmission and the impact of COVID-19, the Federal Circuit will be restricting public access to the National Courts Building complex, effective March 16, 2020, noon (Eastern). These measures will help promote the safety and health of both court staff and members of the public conducting court business.

- 1. Scheduled Argument and Hearing Days.** On scheduled argument and hearing days, only (a) arguing counsel and parties with a scheduled in-person hearing and (b) credentialed members of the press will be permitted in the National Courts Building. They will be limited to the lobby, the courtroom of the scheduled hearing, the surrounding public corridors, the Clerk's Office reception area, and the attorney lounge area. The library will not be open. No other members of the public will be permitted to attend argument.
- 2. Release of Argument Recordings.** After each individual argument or hearing ends, the Clerk's Office will post the audio recording on its website, including those conducted telephonically. Audio recordings are available at <http://www.cafc.uscourts.gov/oral-argument-recordings>.
- 3. All Other Days.** All members of the public will be prohibited from entering the National Courts Building unless pre-authorized by court staff and then only as necessary to conduct or to support essential functions. Mail and third-party commercial deliveries will be limited to the lobby. Any other deliveries must be coordinated ahead of time with relevant court staff.
- 4. Filing or Submitted Documents.** Individuals, including pro se litigants and couriers, seeking to deliver or to file case documents may submit these items either by mail or by deposit in the court's night box located at the garage entrance on H Street NW, between 15th Street and Madison Place.
- 5. General Guidance.** Individuals who have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus, who have had known contact with a person with the COVID-19 virus, who have been asked to self-quarantine, or who are experiencing flu-like symptoms (e.g., fever, shortness of breath, or cough) may not enter the courthouse.
- 6. Public Assistance.** The Clerk's Office will continue to provide public support and assistance, including answering questions about these restrictions, by telephone at 202-275-8000. Additional forms of contact, including email support, may be added as needed.