

Standing Order Regarding Motions Filed During Funding Lapse

All parties are advised that effective Monday, October 20, 2025, the judiciary has run out of funding and only limited operations will continue. *See* U.S. Courts, Judiciary Funding Runs Out (Oct. 17, 2025), <https://www.uscourts.gov/data-news/judiciary-news/2025/10/17/judiciary-funding-runs-out-only-limited-operations-continue>. As a consequence, court staff will not be paid despite the requirement to work on essential matters.

Accordingly, until the judiciary is funded, parties shall meet and confer before filing *any* substantive motion to determine whether the litigation can proceed without the motion or whether the motion must be urgently resolved. If the latter, lead counsel shall file a certification attesting to the same with the filing of any substantive motion. Failure to provide the certification will result in a *sua sponte* denial without prejudice. This requirement does not apply to administrative or ministerial motions. The Court notes that this is in addition to the existing meet- and-confer requirements set forth in Section VIII.A of Judge Lee's Standing Order for Civil Cases, which requires parties to meet and confer to resolve or narrow the issues before filing any substantive motion.