

Because of the snow emergency in the eastern United States, the Court is making the following provisions for the remainder of February. These provisions are limited to filings by litigants residing in the impacted regions and also do not apply to cases that have been calendared or submitted to a panel of judges that will consider the merits of the case.

- **Opening brief:** if an opening brief will be late, file a motion to extend time or call the Court for a telephonic extension of time when possible; otherwise, submit the brief along with a motion to file a late brief.
- **Answering or Reply Brief:** if an answering or reply brief will be two weeks or less late, no motion to file a late brief is required. However, include a letter pursuant to this posting that notes the need for the late filing. Reply briefs will remain due 14 days after service of the answering brief.
- **Paper copies of an electronically-submitted brief:** if the seven paper copies of an electronically-submitted brief will be late, the copies shall be supplied to the Court as soon as is practicable along with a letter pursuant to this posting that notes the need for the late filing. This will not impact the remainder of briefing.
- **Response to a motion and Reply to a response to a motion:** if a response to a motion or a reply to a response will be late, include a request for late filing in your response or reply. A reply will remain due 7 days from service of the response. When the submission of a response to an emergency motion under Circuit Rule 27-3 or a reply to a response to an emergency motion will be late, please telephone the Motions Attorney Unit to apprise the Court of the late filing and discuss any alternative methods of transmittal.
- **Excerpts of record, supplemental excerpts of record and further excerpts of record:** any excerpts not mailed on the date the corresponding brief is electronically-submitted or paper-filed may be submitted up to two weeks late. No letter or motion seeking leave to file the excerpts late is required.

Any late document to be filed in a case that has been calendared or submitted to a panel that will consider the merits of the case – e.g., a petition for panel rehearing or request for attorney fees – shall be accompanied by the customary motion seeking relief from the current due date.

This announcement provides no relief from deadlines that are mandatory and jurisdictional.