

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS  
DURING LAPSE IN  
APPROPRIATION OR  
CONTINUING RESOLUTION

**ORDER**

BEFORE: THOMAS, Chief Judge

The Court of Appeals has a constitutional duty to continue to hear and resolve cases, even during a period of government shutdown. To perform that duty, judges rely on their personal staff, as well as the officers and employees of the Court, to perform functions necessary and essential to the continued resolution of cases. Therefore, consistent with national directives, if appropriations for the current fiscal year are not continued or funded prior to the expiration of the Continuing Appropriations Act, all staff, officers, and employees of the Court of Appeals, Office of the Circuit Executive, and Ninth Circuit Libraries are ordered to report to work during their normally scheduled hours until further notice. The Court will continue to evaluate the fiscal situation and will make adjustments to this directive as required.

FOR THE COURT:



Sidney R. Thomas  
Chief Judge

Dated: 21 December 2018