

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN RE: EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RESPONSE
BRIEFS DUE IN NOVEMBER

General Order 2025-13A1

GENERAL ORDER

Due to a lapse of congressional appropriations funding the federal government, courts have been asked to delay or defer non-mission critical expenses, although judiciary employees are reporting to work because they are necessary to support the Court's mission critical work.

Similarly, the Department of Justice's FY 2026 Contingency Plan, *see* www.justice.gov/jmd/media/1377216/dl, indicates that civil litigation will be curtailed or postponed to the extent that this can be done without compromising to a significant degree the safety of human life or the protection of property. Criminal cases are expected to proceed uninterrupted. The Court, in response, and with the intent to avoid any default or prejudice to the United States or other civil litigants occasioned by the lapse in funding, sua sponte enters this General Order. Social Security cases, as identified in the attachment to this General Order, shall have their October response brief deadlines extended thirty (30) days from the date currently set. Reply briefs will be due fourteen (14) days after the response brief is filed. Civil cases not identified herein (including other Social Security cases) remain unimpacted; however, this order does not limit the ability for litigants to request extensions of time in individual cases.

Any litigant affected by this General Order may seek relief from the order by motion. The Court may, in any particular case, vary the effect or operation of this General Order by a separate ruling.

The Court shall distribute this General Order:

- (a) by electronic service to all registered CM/ECF litigants registered and having appeared in the cases identified above;
- (b) by first-class mail to unregistered civil litigants, including pro se litigants, having appeared in the cases identified above; and
- (c) by posting the General Order on the Court's public website.

ENTERED: October 31, 2025.

/s/ Holly A. Brady

Holly A. Brady, Chief Judge

ATTACHMENT TO GENERAL ORDER 2025-13A1

Government Response Brief Deadlines are extended 30 days in the following cases only:

November 10, 2025

2:25-cv-273-JEM

November 12, 2025

1:25-cv-331-APR

3:25-cv-372-DRL

November 16, 2025

1:25-cv-176-ALT

1:25-cv-224-APR

November 17, 2025

2:25-cv-202-APR

3:25-cv-381-SJF

4:25-cv-41-JEM

November 19, 2025

3:25-cv-466-APR

November 20, 2025

1:25-cv-141-APR

November 25, 2025

3:25-cv-601-AZ

November 28, 2025

3:25-cv-290-JEM