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DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In the matter of:

THE OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA AND ALL UNITS OF THE COURT

GENERAL ORDER 13-21

The Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch are at an impasse regarding funding for the Third Branch, and seeing the need to make provision therefor, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. This Court maintains one of the highest criminal caseloads in the country. In addition, the distances between the courthouses and the recently reduced staffing levels due to budget sequestration make it necessary to designate all employees of the district, including the District Court Clerk’s Office, Bankruptcy Court Clerk’s Office, Probation and Pretrial Services, as essential for the support of the exercise of constitutional judicial function and power.
2. All employees should report to work unless otherwise specifically instructed.
3. Travel, except as approved by the undersigned, IN ADVANCE, shall be avoided. Travel to provide community based supervision or in furtherance of investigation activity by Pretrial Services and Probation Office law enforcement officers will continue. All training and continuing education activities conducted by the courts are suspended. No new personnel hires may

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occur and no new expenditure of funds shall be made without consent of the undersigned.

4. Considering the need to provide continuing judicial functions within this Court's constitutional mandate, the General Services Administration and the United States Marshal's Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safety of courthouses and personnel in this District.
5. This order is effective until October 18, 2013, and may be superceded or amended if the lapse in Judicial Branch appropriations continues beyond the 18th of October, 2013.

DATED this 9th day of October, 2013.



Raner C. Collins
Chief United States District Judge