

United States Court of Appeals  
For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

General Order 21-004

**ORDER Regarding COVID-19**

In light of the evolving public-health guidance concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, including the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease, and in accordance with the Federal Judiciary COVID-19 Recovery Guidelines,

It is hereby ORDERED that

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit will continue to operate under its Continuity of Operations Plan activated by Chief Judge Diane P. Wood on March 18, 2020, until the termination of this Order.

The court currently conducts its operations according to the Phase I Recovery guidance under the Federal Judiciary COVID-19 Recovery Guidelines. Court units should continue to minimize in-person on-site staffing and make use of telework to the maximum extent possible.

Cases scheduled for oral argument through August 31, 2021, will be argued telephonically or by video communications, with audio livestreamed to YouTube, unless the assigned panel orders otherwise.

For the Court:

  
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Diane S. Sykes, Chief Judge

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of June, 2021.