IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

In the matter of

PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT OF SEALED, RESTRICTED, AND EX PARTE DOCUMENTS (SECOND AMENDED)

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL ORDER 25-12

WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed, restricted, and ex parte documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: effective Friday, October 10, 2025, and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

Electronic Filing and Access to Sealed, Restricted, and Ex Parte Documents. Parties (except self-represented litigants) must resume filing of sealed, restricted, and ex parte documents in CM/ECF under existing procedures stated in Local Civil Rule 7.3(e) and (f) and Local Criminal Rule 47.1. Self-represented litigants must file all documents conventionally as stated in Local Civil Rule 79.2(c). Due to new security measures implemented by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, these documents will not be accessible or viewable by electronic means.

Service of Sealed, Restricted, and Ex Parte Documents Filed in CM/ECF. Parties will serve these documents as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure and Local Civil Rule 5.1(c)(4). A document filed sealed or restricted is not served on the other party(s) via CM/ECF and must be served on the opposing party(s) by other appropriate means (e.g. email, conventional service). Proof of other means of service must be reflected in the Certificate of Service. The court will serve sealed, restricted, and ex parte documents via U.S. mail or, when available, through secured electronic means.

Additional Copies of Sealed, Restricted, and Ex Parte Documents. A party with the right to access a sealed, restricted, or ex parte document in a case who requires a copy of such document must file a motion with the court requesting an order for the clerk's office to provide a paper copy and pay any applicable copy fees.

Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs). With the exception of sealed search warrant applications and sealed criminal complaints (and their supporting documents and accompanying motions), which are hereby designated HSDs, all other documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures in <u>Miscellaneous General Order 21-02</u>.

This Order supersedes MGO 25-06, MGO 25-09, and MGO 25-11, any and all other inconsistent prior court orders, CM/ECF procedure manuals, and local rules.

DATED this 9th day of October 2025, at Anchorage, Alaska.

/s/ Sharon L. Gleason Hon. Sharon L. Gleason UNITED STATES CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

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