

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit

—and—

United States Court of  
Federal Claims

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**Reopening the National Courts Building**

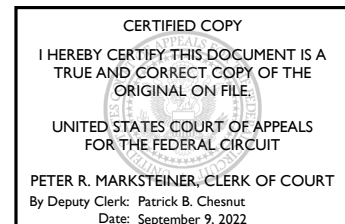
Based on recent changes to public health guidance and conditions within Washington, D.C. and the National Capital Region, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States Court of Federal Claims find that there is no longer a need to restrict public access to the Howard T. Markey National Courts Building.

On behalf of both courts, we find pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e) that there is an immediate need for this Order altering the rules of both courts, effective September 12, 2022, 12:01 a.m. (Eastern).

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Administrative Order No. 2022-03 (Jan. 18, 2022) is rescinded effective September 12, 2022, 12:01 a.m. (Eastern), at which point the National Courts Building shall resume normal operations concerning public access.
- (2) The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States Court of Federal Claims may continue to implement health and safety protocols, procedures, practices, or policies to minimize the possibility of viral transmission, as reflected in posted signs or placards, and/or information posted on the courts' public websites.
- (3) All individuals entering the National Courts Building shall be required to comply with any

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- protocols, procedures, practices, or policies implemented pursuant to this Order.
- (5) All visitors, regardless of their vaccination status, must wear masks in all public areas of the National Courts Building and connecting buildings. Only N-95, KN-95, or KF-94 masks are acceptable masks in the National Courts Building
  - (6) Court staff and security personnel are authorized to restrict the entry of or to direct the removal of any individuals who are not in compliance with posted regulations issued pursuant to this Order.
  - (7) The Circuit Executive and Clerk of Court of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Clerk of Court for the United States Court of Federal Claims are directed to provide public notice of this Order and to take any necessary and proper actions to implement these restrictions.

FOR THE COURTS

September 9, 2022  
Date

/s/ Kimberly A. Moore  
Kimberly A. Moore  
Chief Judge  
United States Court of  
Appeals for the  
Federal Circuit

September 9, 2022  
Date

/s/ Elaine D. Kaplan  
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Chief Judge  
United States Court of  
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