

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

ORDER

The President of the United States, Governors of the States of Connecticut, New York and Vermont and numerous mayors of cities within the jurisdiction of the Second Circuit, including the City of New York, have declared a state of emergency, marshaling all private and government resources in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to give full effect to these declarations of national and local emergencies and at the same time fulfill the Court's constitutional and statutory responsibilities as the Third Branch,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit will remain open to conduct the business for which the Court was established. However, individuals who do not have business with the Court will not be admitted until further order of the Court.

The oral arguments of appeals and motions will continue as scheduled on the Court's public calendar. Arguments will be conducted using technology that enables judges and individuals who argue to appear remotely, if they choose, and livestreams the arguments so that public access to the Court's proceedings is maintained. As an exercise of discretion, a panel may take on submission an appeal that meets the standard set out in the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 34(a)(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that individuals who seek access to the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse to transact business with the Court must, in the judgment of the attending security officers, meet the health standards specified at the entrance to the courthouse.

Parties who seek to file paper documents with the Court must file and stamp them in the Court's Night Box, which is located in the courthouse lobby. Individuals who have procedural questions may call the Clerk's Office at 212.857.8500 or a member of the Clerk's Office staff at the appropriate number listed in the Clerk's Office Directory which is found on the Court's website www.ca2.uscourts.gov. The Clerk's Office public counter will remain closed until further order of the Court.

March 16, 2020

s/s Robert A. Katzmann

Robert A. Katzmann
Chief Judge