

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

IN RE:	)	
	)	STANDING ORDER 2025-05
STAY IN	)	
SOCIAL SECURITY CASES	)	

Funding lapsed for the federal government, including the Department of Justice, on September 30, 2025. This requires affected agencies of the federal government to limit operations to matters deemed essential under applicable law, and to shutdown other operations until a funding vehicle is in place. Consistent with this, the Department of Justice and the Social Security Administration intend to furlough attorneys that were working on Social Security appeals pending in this court. Attorneys on furlough status are prohibited by law from working on matters assigned to them.

In light of this, the court has determined that the present government shutdown provides good cause for a temporary stay of all pending social security cases, and that entry of a single standing order on this issue will serve the interests of judicial economy. The court therefore enters this standing order, which applies to all pending social security cases in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed. Accordingly:

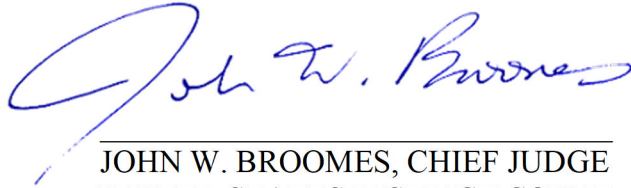
IT IS ORDERED that all proceedings in any social security case pending before this court, in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed, are hereby STAYED during the lapse in appropriations. Following expiration of the stay, the judges of this court may set new briefing deadlines and make all necessary scheduling adjustments in particular cases. The clerk need not file a copy of this order in any individual case. Nothing herein shall preclude any judge from taking action on any social security case in which briefing is complete.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party may seek relief from this temporary stay for good cause shown in a particular case, and the judges of this court are authorized to decide such requests.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court reserves to itself the power to cancel or to extend the stay by further standing order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025.

FOR THE COURT:



JOHN W. BROOMES, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT