## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

IN RE:

CONTINUANCE OF BANKRUPTCY MATTERS IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA DUE TO LAPSE IN FEDERAL FUNDING, ) Administrative Order No. 2018 - 1 ) Filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court Atlanta, Georgia JAN 22 2018 ) Magina Thomas Clerk

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, at midnight on January 20, 2018, the continuing resolution that had been funding the United States of America, including its agencies, expired and appropriations to the Department of Justice and other federal agencies lapsed,

WHEREAS, since that time, no appropriation bill or continuing resolution has been passed that would restore funding,

WHEREAS, absent an appropriation or continuing resolution, Department of Justice attorneys and employees are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including "emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property." 31 U.S.C. § 1342. With limited exceptions, this includes attorneys and other employees in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, and

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WHEREAS absent an appropriation or continuing resolution, employees of other federal agencies who may have matters before the Court, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Small Business Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, with limited exceptions, also are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. all hearings, including those in adversary proceedings, involving any claim, lien or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies, scheduled for the week of January 22, 2018 are continued and shall be placed on the next appropriate calendar;
- all current deadlines, including those in adversary proceedings, in matters involving a claim, lien or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies, shall be extended through and including January 30, 2018;
- 3. if funding is not restored by Friday, January 26, 2018, at 10:00 am, the United States Attorney shall so notify the Honorable Wendy L. Hagenau, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, so that such further action may be taken as is just and proper; and

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4. the United States Attorney shall forthwith notify the Honorable Wendy L. Hagenau, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, once appropriations have been restored. SO ORDERED this *Bad* day of January, 2018.

Wendy L. Hagenau, Chief Judge

United States Bankruptcy Court