

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

—and—

**United States Court of  
Federal Claims**

**O R D E R**

**Restricting Court Access to the National Courts  
Building Until August 14, 2020**

Based on declared public health emergencies impacting Washington, D.C. and the National Capital Region and ongoing efforts to mitigate community transmission and the impact of COVID-19, there is a need for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States Court of Federal Claims to restrict public access to the Howard T. Markey National Courts Building. These restrictions modify and supersede those outlined in the administrative orders of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States Court of Federal Claims both dated March 16, 2020, and will remain in place as a temporary measure until August 14, 2020, unless modified by subsequent order.

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 June 29, 2020, noon (Eastern).

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Judges, special masters, law clerks, chambers staff, court staff, interns, General Services Administration personnel, and contractor personnel regularly performing work in the National Courts Building and connecting buildings

(NCB), and law enforcement and security personnel and contractors assigned to the NCB will be admitted to the NCB upon the presentation of appropriate identifying credentials.

- (2) All others will be granted access to the NCB on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Judge of whichever court is appropriate under the circumstances, or her designee.
- (3) Requests for access must be submitted in writing, ideally via email, no later than 24 hours in advance, to the Circuit Executive and Clerk of Court of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit or to the Clerk of Court of the United States Court of Federal Claims, whichever court is appropriate under the circumstances.
- (4) These restrictions will remain in effect beginning June 29, 2020, at noon (Eastern) and continue until August 14, 2020, or until this Order is either amended or rescinded.
- (5) 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

June 26, 2020  
Date

  
/s/ Sharon Prost  
Sharon Prost  
Chief Judge  
United States Court of  
Appeals for the  
Federal Circuit

June 26, 2020  
Date

  
/s/ Margaret M. Sweeney  
Margaret M. Sweeney  
Chief Judge  
United States Court of  
Federal Claims