

In response to cyberattacks directed at the CM/ECF systems of federal courts, the United States Court for the Southern District of Iowa is implementing new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents, effective September 24, 2025.

Pursuant to the Court's Administrative Order ([25-AO-5-P](#)) for Access and Management of Sealed Documents, parties shall continue to use the CM/ECF system for filing any documents (sealed or unsealed). Sealed filings will no longer be accessible or viewable electronically to any non-court user. Due to this change, service of those documents cannot be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties will need to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. Parties shall include a certificate of service on each filing to demonstrate the method of service used. The Court will serve documents in a manner deemed appropriate based on the type of sealed document.

A party with the right to access a sealed document, who requires a copy of a sealed document, shall contact the Clerk's Office via email [iasd\\_sealed@iasd.uscourts.gov](mailto:iasd_sealed@iasd.uscourts.gov) or in person. One free copy of each sealed document will be provided to each party. Only an attorney of record, an attorney of record's administrative staff, or pro se party, if no attorney of record exists, can receive a copy of sealed filings.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office for the Southern District of Iowa at (515) 284-6248.