

OCT 21 2025UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIAClerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy
Courts for the District of ColumbiaIN RE SUSPENSION OF
NATURALIZATION AND ADMISSIONS
CEREMONIES DURING GOVERNMENT
SHUTDOWN

Standing Order No. 25-56 (JEB)

Chief Judge James E. Boasberg

ORDER

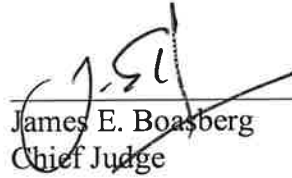
A government-wide lapse in appropriations went into effect on October 1, 2025. The federal judiciary was able to support paid operations by using fee balances and no-year appropriations through October 19, 2025. The federal judiciary has now exhausted its funds and is limited under the Antideficiency Act to performing only those “excepted activities” that are necessary to the exercise of the judiciary’s constitutional functions, address certain emergency circumstances, or are otherwise authorized by law.

Accordingly, effective immediately and until further order of the Court, the following adjustments are made to this Court’s regularly scheduled naturalization and attorney-admissions ceremonies:

1. Naturalization Ceremonies. Naturalization ceremonies and receptions are suspended. Pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §§ 1421(b)(3)(A)-(C), the Court hereby notifies the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that it may administer the oath of allegiance administratively to all qualified applicants for naturalization residing in the District of Columbia. USCIS shall inform this Court promptly should it become unable to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants.
2. Attorney-Admission Ceremonies. In-person attorney-admissions ceremonies and receptions are suspended. Petitions for admission to the Bar of this Court will continue to be accepted via PACER and will be processed by the assigned motions

judge. Applicants will be permitted to swear to the oath required by Local Civil Rule 83.8(e) during a virtual hearing with the motions judge. Further information, including the monthly deadlines for submission of petitions for admissions, may be found on the Court's website at: Attorney Admissions and E-Filing Registration | District of Columbia | United States District Court.

SO ORDERED.



James E. Boasberg
Chief Judge

Dated: October 20, 2025