

**United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

All federal courthouses in the Southern District of Florida will be closed on Monday, September 13, 2004 in anticipation of Hurricane Ivan's possible landfall in or near South Florida. This closure includes United States District Court locations in Key West, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Fort Pierce. The United States Bankruptcy Court will also be closed at these locations. This operational decision has been made today in consideration of a possible storm strike in the District some time Monday in order to allow for timely rescheduling of court matters and to provide the public with sufficient advance notice for planning purposes.

Further information about when the Federal Courts will resume operations will be provided after 12:00 Noon, Monday, September 13th. Such information will be released to the press and will be posted on the District's website: [www.flsd.uscourts.gov/](http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/).