

United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida  
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### **Federal District Court Operations and Tropical Storm Rita**

Chief United States District Judge William J. Zloch directed that United States District Court operations in all divisions be closed at 3:00 P.M. today and remain closed on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 due to wind and rain conditions anticipated to develop with the approach of Tropical Storm Rita. These closures affect the District Court's operations in Key West, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce. Federal courthouses in these locations will be closed to the public, and jurors have been or soon will be instructed to call in for further reporting instructions. The United States Bankruptcy Court is also closed. Court staff are free to leave at 3:00 P.M. today and are instructed not to report for work on Tuesday.

Federal court operations will resume at the regular time in all Divisions on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. All staff should report for work at that time. Please check the Court's website at [www.flsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov) for changes to these instructions.