

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-30

IN RE: AMENDED SECURITY SCREENING  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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At the recommendation of the Chair of the Court's Security Committee, the current security screening policies and procedures were reviewed. On August 27, 2021, Administrative Order 2021-75 was entered governing the security screening of all persons entering United States Courthouses in the Southern District of Florida, applicable to all public buildings in the Southern District of Florida where the Circuit, District, and Bankruptcy Courts hold court. Upon further consideration, based upon the recommendations from the Chair of the Security Committee and the United States Marshal, it is

**ORDERED** that the Court reiterates its policy that all members of the public, including members of the Bar, entering U.S. courthouses will be subject to security screening by the Court Security Officers working at the direction of the United States Marshals Service, the Federal Protective Service, or the United States Attorney's Office. The public shall present valid government photo identification and must pass all items through an X-ray machine. Individuals entering the courthouses must also successfully pass through a metal detector, or if necessary, a handheld metal detector. They may also be required to remove their shoes and pass them through the X-ray machine. It is further


**ORDERED** that an exception has been granted to the requirement to present a valid government photo identification for members of the public who require access to the Social Security Administration located inside public buildings in the Southern District of Florida where the Circuit, District, and Bankruptcy Courts are located. Members of the public who require access

to the Social Security Administration must still pass all items through an X-ray machine; and they must also successfully pass through a metal detector, or if necessary, a handheld metal detector. They may also be required to remove their shoes and pass them through the X-ray machine. It is further

**ORDERED** that all Court and other federal employees entering U.S. courthouses will be subject to the same security screening as the public. Unless entering a courthouse via motorized vehicle through a secured parking garage within a courthouse, all Court and federal employees must enter the courthouses through the main entrances where they will be subject to screening. Employees shall not access courthouses through side, garage, or alternate entrances in order to bypass security screening. Employees who park in surface parking lots adjacent to or abutting courthouses must enter through main entrances subject to screening.

The only exceptions to these screening requirements are for federal judges, deputy U.S. Marshals, Court Security Officers, Chief and Deputy Probation Officers, the Clerk of Court, the Clerk of Court of the Bankruptcy Court, Federal Protective Service Uniformed Officers, and law enforcement personnel who are permanent tenants of federal buildings or facilities (but only in buildings or facilities where their offices are located). This Order is effective immediately.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 9 day of May, 2023.

  
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**CECILIA M. ALTONAGA**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Copies furnished as follows: See attached

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