



Dated: October 24, 2025
The following is ORDERED:



Jennie D. Latta
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

In re
Stay of Civil Proceedings in the United States
Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of
Tennessee in the Absence of an Appropriation
Bill or Continuing Resolution by the United
States Congress.

Misc. Proc. No. 25-8011

**ORDER DENYING UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MOTION FOR A STAY OF
PROCEEDINGS OF ALL CASES IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY IS
COUNSEL OF RECORD AND/OR THE UNITED STATES IS A PARTY IN INTEREST**

It appearing to the Court that on October 2, 2025, the United States of America filed a motion for a stay of proceedings in all cases in which the United States Attorney is counsel of record and/or the United States is a party in interest in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee until such time as the United States Congress has restored appropriations to the United States Department of Justice.

It further appearing to the Court that Chief Judge Jennie D. Latta was designated by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee to conduct a hearing on said

motion and that same was conducted on October 23, 2025. Appearing on behalf of the United States of America was Monica M. Simmons-Jones, Assistant United States Attorney.

It further appearing to the Court upon statements of counsel regarding the lapse in appropriations at the Department of Justice, the United States Attorney has had to scale back his operations. The Court is sympathetic to this situation; however, the Court must balance the rights of the United States of America against those of all other parties in interest, e.g., debtors, creditors, trustees, etc., and to the just and efficient administration of its caseload.

It is **THEREFORE ORDERED** that the United States of America's Motion for a Stay of Proceedings in All Cases in which the United States Attorney is Counsel of Record and/or the United States is a Party in interest is **DENIED**.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that requests on behalf of the United States of America to continue matters shall be liberally granted when the presiding judge determines such continuance will not adversely affect the interests of other parties.

The Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee is hereby directed to serve a copy of this order on (1) Pamela Bondi, Attorney General of the United States, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; (2) D. Michael Dunavant, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, 167 North Main St., Suite 800, Memphis, TN 38103; and (3) all attorneys registered in CM/ECF system for this Court. The Clerk is also directed to post a copy of this order on the Court's website.