## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-75**

IN RE: SECURITY SCREENING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Consistent with past procedures governing the security screening of all persons entering United States Courthouses in the Southern District of Florida, the Court enters this Administrative Order applicable to all public buildings in the Southern District of Florida where the Circuit, District, and Bankruptcy Courts hold court.

The Court reiterates its policy that all members of the general 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 general 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.

All Court and other federal employees entering U.S. courthouses will be subject to the same security screening as the general 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 27th day of August, 2021.

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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cc: Honorable William H. Pryor, Jr., Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals All Miami Circuit Judges All Southern District of Florida District, Bankruptcy, and Magistrate Judges

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