

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:            )  
MOTIONS TO STAY IN                 )     Administrative Order  
SOCIAL SECURITY CASES                )     No. 13-085  
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The Fiscal Year of the federal government began October 1, 2013, without a funding vehicle enacted into law. This requires agencies of the federal government to limit operations to matters deemed essential under applicable law, and to shutdown other operations until a funding vehicle is in place. To comply with these requirements, the Department of Justice and the Social Security Administration have decided to furlough attorneys that were working on social security appeals pending in this Court. Attorneys on furlough status are prohibited by law from working on matters assigned to them.

In light of this, the United States Attorney has already moved in a number of social security cases in this Court for a stay of proceedings. This Court has determined that the present partial government shutdown provides good cause for a temporary stay of all pending social security cases, and that entry of a single Administrative Order on this issue will serve the interests of judicial economy. The court therefore enters this Administrative Order, which applies to all pending social security cases in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed. Accordingly:

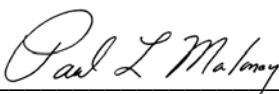
IT IS ORDERED that all proceedings in any social security case pending before this Court, in which the briefing schedule has not yet been completed, are hereby STAYED until sixty (60) days from the date of this Order. Following expiration of the stay, Magistrate Judges of this Court may set new briefing deadlines, and make all necessary scheduling adjustments in particular cases. The Clerk need not file a copy of this order in any individual case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party may seek relief from this temporary stay for good cause shown in a particular case, and the Magistrate Judges of this Court are authorized to decide such requests.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court reserves to itself the power to cancel or to extend the stay by further Administrative Order.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: October 3, 2013

  
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Paul L. Maloney  
Chief Judge