Exhibit B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re: NEW MODIFIED COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONAVIRUS	GENERAL ORDER NO. 10-21

This General Order will address a change in Court policies given the significant reduction in the number of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in this District. On March 17 and 25, 2020, the Court entered General Orders 02-20 and 03-20 addressing, among other things, the closing of the Seattle and Tacoma Courthouses for at least 30 days and the procedures for conducting civil and criminal matters remotely. The Court incorporates here its prior findings regarding COVID-19 and the emergency declarations and public health guidelines as set forth in those prior General Orders.

On April 13, 2020, the Court continued the procedures established by General Orders 02-20 and 03-20 for 30 days. Further continuances were issued on May 13, July 30, September 4, October 2, December 30, 2020, and March 19, 2021.

In the last three months, the daily number of COVID-19 positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have significantly decreased in the Western District of Washington. State records show that a significant majority of adults in this district have now been fully vaccinated against the novel Coronavirus. All available research indicates that widely available vaccines provide significant protection against this disease. The Governor of the State of Washington has stated that the State will "reopen" after June 30, 2021.

Given all of this, the Court ORDERS that the procedures of General Order 18-20 will no longer be continued. All civil, criminal, and bankruptcy in-person hearings and trials may proceed as scheduled. The courthouses are open to the public.

Serious health risks remain for unvaccinated individuals. The Court is particularly concerned by the rising numbers of "Delta variant" cases of the novel Coronavirus, which research shows to be more contagious. This variant has been cited as a reason for lockdowns and renewed masking requirements in Los Angeles County and other locations. To protect unvaccinated individuals and to avoid contributing to the spread of the virus, the Court will continue to implement certain health and safety procedures.

All individuals are encouraged to wear a face mask in the public and common areas of the courthouses.

Face masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated individuals. Fully vaccinated individuals are those who have completed the course of their vaccination as set forth by the CDC. The Court will not ask for proof of vaccination. Such individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask based on preference or health concerns, but may be asked by the judge to remove their mask in the courtroom if they are participating in court proceedings.

All individuals who have not been fully vaccinated for whatever reason must continue to wear masks covering their nose and mouth and observe social distancing in the courthouses and courtrooms except as authorized by individual judges in courtroom proceedings. Children under the age of two are not required to wear face masks. Individuals who cannot wear a face mask for health reasons may wear a face shield.

COVID-19 Conditions of Entry signs will be posted at the entrances to the Seattle and Tacoma Courthouses. Most individuals who review the information will understand when it is

wise, from a public health standpoint, to voluntarily not enter the building. However, Court Security Officers are authorized to ask if an individual has read the Conditions of Entry sign, and to deny entry to persons who confirm that they are currently diagnosed with COVID-19 or have experienced COVID-19 symptoms in the last 10 days, and who therefore pose a significant risk of spreading the Coronavirus to the public.

Individual judges may continue trial based on unique health considerations raised in those cases.

Civil bench and jury trials may be conducted remotely over Zoom.gov if good cause is established for such a procedure on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of individual judges.

In order to limit the physical exchange of documents, signatures on documents in civil and criminal proceedings conducted remotely will not be required. Instead, the Court will make a record that the document has been reviewed and authorized by the signatory and is fully binding. Such documents include, but are not limited to:

a. Financial affidavits (28 U.S.C. 1746);

b. CJA Appointments;

c. Consents to proceed before a magistrate judge;

d. Waiver of in-person hearings in criminal matters;

e. Appearance bonds/Orders of release;

f. Plea agreements;

g. Jury verdicts; and

h. Judgments.

Local Civil Rule 32 continues to include among the definitions of "Unavailable Witness" in FRCP 32(4)(C) the following: "concern about personal health risks from exposure to the COVID-19 virus."

The Court will revisit these procedures prior to October 1, 2021.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2021.

RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE