



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*Office of the District Court Executive*

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
*Chief Judge*

EDWARD A. FRIEDLAND  
*District Court Executive*

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NOTICE TO THE BAR

**SDNY Announces Termination of Authorization to Conduct Criminal Proceedings Remotely Pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act**

On September 15, 2022, Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain entered a Tenth Amended Standing Order that extended, through November 18, 2022, authorization for the judges in this District to conduct criminal proceedings remotely in accordance with the provisions of Section 15002 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act. See [Standing Order M10-468, 20-MC-176](#). In light of current COVID-19 conditions and the general ability to conduct in-person proceedings safely, the Chief Judge does not intend to enter an Eleventh Amended Standing Order extending the authorization for remote proceedings upon the expiration of the Tenth Amended Standing Order. Accordingly, authorization to conduct criminal proceedings remotely under the authority of the CARES Act will lapse in this District on November 19, 2022. The Court will continue to monitor COVID-19 conditions, and (assuming emergency authority under the CARES Act has not terminated for other reasons) the Chief Judge is prepared to reinstate authorization if the circumstances justify it.

The Court notes that, even in the absence of CARES Act authorization, judges have authority to conduct certain criminal proceedings remotely under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.