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NOTICE TO ALL ELECTRONIC FILERS OF RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT SEALED INFORMATION

All attorneys and unrepresented parties who electronically file documents through the court's CM/ECF system are strongly reminded that any portion of the record that was placed under seal in the district court or before an agency remains under seal in this court unless otherwise ordered. Parties and their counsel are responsible for assuring that materials under seal remain under seal and are not publicly disclosed. <u>See</u> D.C. Circuit Rule 47.1(a).

Furthermore, all documents containing material under seal, including motions to file documents under seal which include any exhibits or attachments, <u>may not</u> be filed or served electronically unless the court orders otherwise. <u>See Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Case Filing ECF-8(B)</u>. Since it is the regular practice of this court to maintain a nondescript public docket in all cases where the entire appellate record has been sealed, filers must make certain that no documents are electronically filed in cases bearing the caption *In re: Sealed Case*, or *In re: Grand Jury*.

Electronic filers are also reminded that documents filed through the CM/ECF system are immediately available to the public through PACER. Additionally, it is not uncommon for non-case participants, along with the parties, to contemporaneously receive electronic notice of the filing containing a hyperlink to the document. Therefore, filers must remain vigilant to ensure that sealed materials are not included with their electronic submission.

Counsel who routinely fail to comply with the rules or orders of the Court may be subject to disciplinary action as the circumstances may warrant in accordance with Rule I(a) & (b) of the Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.