



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI
31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Administrative Order 2026-AO12

**ORDER REGARDING ATTORNEY ACCESS TO
THE JUDICIAL COURTS FACILITY**

WHEREAS, Section 49.310.3, RSMo, authorizes the presiding judge of the circuit to establish rules and procedures for court facilities and areas necessary for court-related ingress, court-related egress, and other reasonable court-related usage in the absence of a local agreement to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2025-AO12, governs ingress and egress of members of the Missouri Bar during construction and renovation of the Judicial Courts Facility;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2025-AO12, was issued to alleviate congestion during construction, and is effective until rescinded, amended, modified, or extended;

WHEREAS, construction and renovation of the Judicial Courts Facility is nearing completion;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2025-AO12 no longer serves its stated purpose.

WHEREAS, a new Administrative Order governing ingress and egress is necessary;

WHEREAS, members of the Missouri Bar, to become licensed in the State of Missouri, must pass a rigorous character and fitness review including a thorough background investigation as provided in Supreme Court Rule 8.11; and

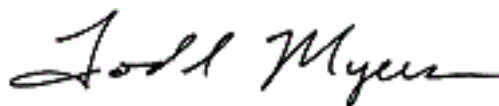
WHEREAS, licensed attorneys “are officers of the court” recognized to be “a part of the judicial system of the state,” *Clark v Austin*, 101 S. W2d 977, 981 (Mo. banc 1937), and are thereby subject to Rules of Professional Conduct not applicable to the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, effective Monday, October 5, 2026, and continued until rescinded, amended, modified, or extended by further order, that the following are established under the authority of Section 49.310.3, RSMo, as rules and procedures for court-related ingress:

1. Administrative Order 2025-AO12 is rescinded and replaced by this Administrative Order 2026-AO12.
2. Licensed attorneys in good standing may have expedited screening at the public entrance to the Greene County Judicial Courts Facility upon presentation of a current Missouri Bar card, and, if requested, matching photo identification.
3. Expedited screening means a licensed attorney with proper identification is not required to have their person screened. However, any bag, briefcase, satchel, computer bag, purse or similar item is required to go through the x-ray system. Handheld items including a computer not in a bag or a file folio is not required to be screened.
4. Attorneys thus entering are prohibited from bringing into the Judicial Courts Facility any publicly banned item including firearms, knives, or other weapons readily capable of lethal use.
5. By presenting a Missouri Bar card to gain entrance, a person thereby affirmatively states and warrants, upon penalty of making a false statement to the Court, that such person:
 - a. is a currently licensed attorney;
 - b. is not under professional discipline in any jurisdiction;
 - c. is not appearing as a party in the case before the court; and
 - d. is not bringing into the facility any publicly banned item including any firearms, knives or other weapons readily capable of lethal use.
6. Any security violations by a member of the Missouri Bar may result in the privileges granted by this Order to be rescinded for that person or for all attorneys. Any person violating this Order may be further subject to any appropriate sanctions, including the possibility of contempt proceedings, referral to criminal prosecution, or a report of professional misconduct.

This ORDER is to be distributed for publication to members of the bar, published on the website of the Greene County Circuit Clerk, and posted in the security office.

Dated: October 2, 2026



T. Todd Myers
Presiding Judge
31st Judicial Circuit