

**United States Court of Appeals**  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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**No. 25-5241**

**September Term, 2025**

**1:25-cv-00716-BAH**

**Filed On:** February 6, 2026

Perkins Coie LLP,

Appellee

v.

United States Department of Justice, et al.,

Appellants

**No. 25-5265**

**1:25-cv-00916-JDB**

Jenner & Block LLP,

Appellee

v.

United States Department of Justice, et al.,

Appellants

**No. 25-5277**

**1:25-cv-00917-RJL**

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP,

Appellee

v.

Executive Office of the President, et al.,

Appellants

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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**No. 25-5310**

**1:25-cv-01107-LLA**

Susman Godfrey LLP,  
Appellee

v.

Executive Office of the President, et al.,  
Appellants

**BEFORE:** Pillard and Pan, Circuit Judges

**O R D E R**

Upon consideration of the joint motion to govern future proceedings, the order to show cause filed February 3, 2026, and the responses thereto, it is

**ORDERED** that the order to show cause be discharged. It is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that the above-captioned cases be consolidated and that the following briefing schedule and format will apply:

Appellants' Combined Opening Brief (not to exceed 26,000 words)	March 6, 2026
Appendix	March 6, 2026
Appellees' Briefs (up to four briefs not to exceed 9,000 words each)	March 27, 2026
Appellants' Combined Reply Brief (not to exceed 13,000 words)	April 10, 2026

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The Clerk is directed to calendar these consolidated cases for oral argument on the same day and before the same panel as Zaid v. Executive Office of the President, No. 26-5009. The parties will be informed later of the date of oral argument and the composition of the merits panel.

Appellants should raise all issues and arguments in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

To avoid any duplication, appellees are obliged to consult during the preparation of their briefs and to adopt relevant portions of each other's briefs. Briefs which are repetitious wholly or in part will be stricken.

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are urged to limit the use of abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 44 (2025); Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office on the date due. Filing by mail may delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, counsel are reminded that if filing by mail, they must use a class of mail that is at least as expeditious as first-class mail. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a). All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

**Per Curiam**

**FOR THE COURT:**  
Clifton B. Cislak, Clerk

BY: /s/  
Selena R. Gancasz  
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NOTICE TO COUNSEL:

SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT

The court has entered an order setting a briefing schedule in a case in which you are counsel of record. Once a briefing order has been entered, the case may be set for oral argument.

You will be notified by separate order of the date and time of oral argument. Once a case has been calendared, the Clerk's Office cannot change the argument date, and ordinarily the court will not reschedule it. Any request to reschedule must be made by motion, which will be presented to a panel of the court for disposition. The court disfavors motions to postpone oral argument and will grant such a motion only upon a showing of "extraordinary cause." See D.C. Cir. Rule 34(g).

If you are the arguing counsel, and you will be unavailable to appear for oral argument on a date in the future, so advise the Clerk's Office by letter, filed electronically. The notification should be filed as soon as possible and updated if a potential scheduling conflict arises later, or if there is any change in availability. To the extent possible, the Clerk's Office will endeavor to schedule oral argument to avoid conflicts that have been brought to the court's attention in advance. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures at IX.A.1, XI.A.

Counsel must notify the court when serious settlement negotiations are underway, when settlement of the case becomes likely, and when settlement is reached. Such notice allows for more efficient allocation of judicial resources. Additionally, counsel should promptly notify the court if settlement negotiations are terminated. Notice must be given in an appropriate motion or by letter to the Clerk at the earliest possible moment. See, e.g., D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures at X.D., XI.A.

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