

# Federal Courts Run Out of Cash Next Friday. Here's What Happens Then

Bloomberg Law **reports** that companies that turn to the federal courts to resolve fights with rivals and customers may find themselves in limbo if the government shutdown continues beyond next week.

The system can spend money left over from fees and other sources to run through Jan. 11, writes Bloomberg's Erik Larson.

"After that, nonessential workers at the 94 federal district courts, and at higher courts across the country, may have to stay home even as skeleton crews show up—without pay—to handle matters deemed essential under U.S. law, including many criminal cases," Larson explains.

Individual courts and judges then will decide how to fulfill those critical functions.

**[Read the Bloomberg Law article.](#)**