



**Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543**

November 19, 2018

**CHIEF JUSTICE DIRECTIVE NO. 8**

In exercise of my implied constitutional authority as administrative head of the judicial system, and pursuant to the Efficient Function and General Duties Act, I direct as follows:

**Section 1.** Findings. I find that:

(1) The centralized District Court discord server provides an effective hub for cases to be scheduled and preliminarily addressed, as well as in certain cases, conducted;

(2) The centralized discord server eases the burden on individual litigants and prosecutors by allowing them to turn to a single location for all of their cases;

(3) The centralized discord server makes the legal process more palatable to the public by eliminating certain unnecessary complexities associated with conducting a case; and

(4) These factors, taken together, establish that use of the centralized discord server is in furtherance of the effective administration of justice.

**Section 2.** Use of Separate Discords. Notwithstanding any District Court policy to the contrary, no judge conducting cases in the District Court is authorized, without receiving express written permission from the Chief District Judge, to use any discord server other than the centralized District Court discord server to perform any functions which otherwise would be performed in the centralized discord server.

**Section 3.** Concerns with Centralized Discord. The administrative staff of the centralized

District Court discord server are authorized and directed to fix legitimate issues with the server raised by judges conducting cases in the District Court.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'O. W. Holmes', written in a cursive style.

OLIVER W. HOLMES  
CHIEF JUSTICE

CC: Speaker of the House;  
President pro tempore.