

AILEEN CANNON DID SOMETHING NORMAL

Aileen Cannon just issued an order for attorneys for Trump or Walt Nauta to contact DOJ's Litigation Security Group to start the process of applying for security clearances by tomorrow.

PAPERLESS ORDER: On or before June 16, 2023, all attorneys of record and forthcoming attorneys of record shall contact the Litigation Security Group of the U.S. Department of Justice, if they have not done so already, to expedite the necessary clearance process for all team members anticipated to participate in this matter, and thereafter file a Notice of Compliance no later than June 20, 2023. Signed by Judge Aileen M. Cannon on 6/15/2023. (sj00) (Entered: 06/15/2023)

This is just one order. It likely came as a result of DOJ contacting the Litigation Security Group, probably asking that a Court Security Officer be appointed, for this case, and alerting them that lawyers will need clearances. The Court Security Officer will be entrusted with the classified information that will, one day, be submitted at trial, including by ensuring that any filings to the docket are properly redacted. Possibly, it was Litigation Security Group, and not prosecutors, who contacted Judge Cannon and told her she needs to issue an order.

In other words, someone probably nudged her and told her this is the normal thing to do, and she did it.

It's a bit awkward, because Nauta won't even be arraigned until June 27, so he may not have any Florida lawyers file an appearance before then. But they are on notice that – if they don't already hold clearance – they need to get their clearances stat.

Still, it happened. It is the normal thing that should happen. Cannon set short deadlines for things to happen, suggesting that she's not starting out by helping Trump delay.

So, amid widespread concern, but also given evidence that DOJ is treating Trump with great deference, Cannon did something normal.