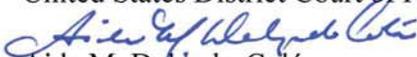


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**



To: Members of the Bar
United States District Court of Puerto Rico

From: 
Aida M. Delgado-Colón
Chief U.S. District Judge

Date: February 10, 2014

Subject: **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS THROUGH THE O'NEILL STREET GATE BY
MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF PUERTO RICO**

During the past several months, due in large part to heightened security awareness, the District Court of Puerto Rico, under the guidance of federal law enforcement officials, have endorsed and implemented security measures and procedures to ensure the safety and well being of all federal employees and visitors to the Federico Degetau Federal Building and Clemente Ruiz Nazario United States Courthouse (“Hato Rey Federal Complex”). These security procedures include limiting the number of entrances of non-federal employees to the Hato Rey Federal Complex. As set forth in the *Physical Security Criteria for Federal Facilities, an Interagency Security Committee Standard* (April 2010), reducing the number of entry points to a Federal Building, particularly under periods of heightened threat, reduces vulnerabilities associated with monitoring and controlling access.

In the past, the Court has allowed members of the bar of this Court with offices at or near the O’Neill Street to enter the Hato Rey Federal Complex through a pedestrian gate located in the back of the facility. Unfortunately, due to the adoption and implementation of security measures that limit the number of entrances to the Hato Rey Federal Complex, the Court hereby informs that, effective immediately, all members of the bar of this Court must enter the facility through the pedestrian gate located at Chardon Avenue.

The Court understands that, for some members of the bar, limiting access through the O’Neill Street pedestrian gate may not represent the most practical or cost effective way to access the Hato Rey Federal Complex. Yet, it is the Court’s highest priority to guarantee a safe and secure environment for all federal employees, members of the bar and visitors of the Hato Rey Federal Complex.

If you have any questions regarding the security policy detailed herein, please feel free to contact Jorge Soltero Palés, Esq., Attorney at the Office of the Clerk of Court, at 787-772-3018 or at jorge_soltero@prd.uscourts.gov