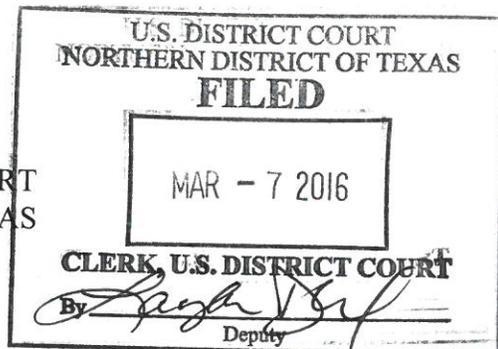


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Special Order No. 2-86



1. The District Judges of this Court have considered and adopted the attached amendments to the local civil and criminal rules of this Court. These amendments revise LR 5.4 and adopt new rules LR 7.5 and LCrR 47.4.
2. Unless modified after receipt of public comment, these rules shall take effect on September 1, 2016 and shall apply to all proceedings in civil and criminal actions thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all civil and criminal actions then pending.
3. Any persons who desire to comment on any of these rules may do so by submitting written comments to:

Clerk of Court
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Attention: 2016 Rules Revision Comments
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1452
Dallas, Texas 75242-1495

The deadline by which the Clerk must receive comments is June 1, 2016.

4. The Clerk of Court is directed to make the necessary distribution.

SO ORDERED.

March 7, 2016.

FOR THE COURT:

SIDNEY A. FITZWATER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**2016 PROPOSED
LOCAL RULES AMENDMENTS**

New material in an existing rule is **redlined**, and deleted material is ~~stricken out~~. A new rule is designated “[New Rule].”

Local Civil Rules

LR 5.4 Post-Conviction Relief.

A prisoner **application, motion, or** petition ~~or motion~~ filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, § 2254, or § 2255 must be filed in accordance with the current miscellaneous order establishing procedures for such **applications, motions, or** petitions ~~or motions~~.

LR 7.5 Page Limits in Death Penalty Habeas Cases. [New Rule]

In any post-conviction proceeding seeking to vacate or set aside a death sentence, the following page limits (excluding pages that contain a table of contents and table of authorities) apply:

- (a) the application, motion, or petition, and any supporting brief or memorandum (whether filed contemporaneously with—or after—the application, motion, or petition), must not exceed 100 pages in total;
- (b) the answer to the application, motion, or petition, and any supporting brief or memorandum (whether filed contemporaneously with, or after, the answer), must not exceed 100 total pages in total; and
- (c) the reply, and any supporting brief or memorandum (whether filed contemporaneously with, or after, the reply), must not exceed 25 pages in total.

Local Criminal Rules

LCrR 47.4 Motion Practice in Cases Seeking Post-Conviction Relief. [New Rule]

Motion practice in a prisoner application, motion, or petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, § 2254, or § 2255 is governed by the local civil rules.