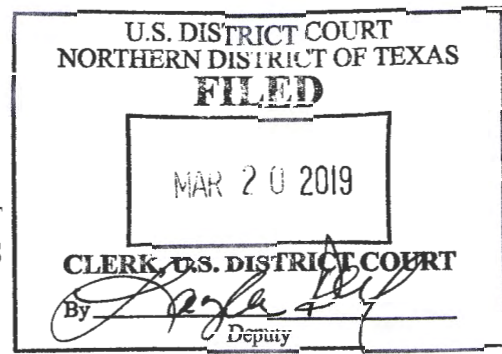


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Special Order No. 2-88



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 7.2(a) and LR 7.4; repeal LR 5.1(d), LR 11.1(a) and (b), and LR 62.1; revise LCrR 47.2(a); and repeal LCrR 49.2(d) and (e).
2. Unless modified after receipt of public comment, these rules shall take effect on September 3, 2019 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: 2019 Rules Revision Comments
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1452
Dallas, Texas 75242-1495

The deadline by which the Clerk must receive comments is June 3, 2019.

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

SO ORDERED.

March 20, 2019.

FOR THE COURT:

[Signature]
BARBARA M.G. LYNN
CHIEF JUDGE

**2019 PROPOSED
LOCAL RULES AMENDMENTS**

New material in an existing rule is **redlined**. A repealed rule is designated “[REPEALED].”

Local Civil Rules

LR 5.1 Filing and Serving Pleadings, Motions, or Other Papers. [REPEALED]

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(d) Serving by Electronic Means. Delivery of the notice of electronic filing that is automatically generated by ECF constitutes service under Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2)(E) on each party who is a registered user of ECF.

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LR 7.2 Briefs.

(a) General Form. A brief must be printed, typewritten, or presented in some other legible form. **The brief must be on an 8½-by-11 inch page. The font size must be 12-point or larger. The text must be double-spaced, but quotations more than two lines long may be indented and single-spaced. Headings and footnotes may be single-spaced. Margins must be at least one inch on all four sides. Page numbers may be placed in the margins, but no text may appear there.**

LR 7.4 Certificate of Interested Persons.

The initial responsive pleading **or motion filed in lieu of a responsive pleading** that a defendant files in a civil action must be accompanied by a separately signed certificate of interested persons that complies with LR 3.1(c) or 3.2(e). If the defendant concurs in the accuracy of another party’s previously-filed certificate, the defendant may adopt that certificate.

LR 11.1 Electronic Signature. [REPEALED]

- (a) **What Constitutes Electronic Signature.** The signature of an attorney who submits a pleading, motion, or other paper for filing by electronic means is the login and password issued to the attorney by the clerk.
- (b) **Requirements for Electronic Signature.** An attorney who submits a document for filing by electronic means must place on the document an “s/” and the typed named of the attorney, or a graphical signature, in the space where the attorney’s signature would have appeared had the document been submitted on paper.

LR 62.1 Supersedeas Bond. [REPEALED]

Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge, a supersedeas bond staying execution of a money judgment shall be in the amount of the judgment, plus 20% of that amount to cover interest and any award of damages for delay, plus \$250.00 to cover costs. The parties may waive the requirement of a supersedeas bond by stipulation.

Local Criminal Rules

LCrR 47.2 Briefs.

- (a) **General Form.** A brief must be printed, typewritten, or presented in some other legible form. The brief must be on an 8½-by-11 inch page. The font size must be 12-point or larger. The text must be double-spaced, but quotations more than two lines long may be indented and single-spaced. Headings and footnotes may be single-spaced. Margins must be at least one inch on all four sides. Page numbers may be placed in the margins, but no text may appear there.

LCrR 49.2 Filing and Serving Pleadings, Motions, or Other Papers. [REPEALED]

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(d) Certificate of Service. All pleadings, motions, notices, and similar papers that Fed. R. Crim. P. 49 or a court order requires or permits be served must contain a certificate of service.

(e) Serving by Electronic Means. Delivery of the notice of electronic filing that is automatically generated by ECF constitutes service under Fed. R. Crim. P. 49(b) on each party who is a registered user of ECF.

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