

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

U. S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2-12

On December 1, 1993 various amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure took effect. Certain of the rules, as amended (Rules 16, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, and 54), expressly confer upon each district court the authority -- by local rule, order, or other court action -- to abrogate or modify a particular Federal Rule, or to exercise an option provided by Federal Rule.

By vote of the district judges, this court will not uniformly abrogate, modify, or exercise an option provided by any of the newly-amended Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Each judge will apply the amended Federal Rules in the manner the judge deems appropriate and will provide the parties with appropriate notice regarding how the judge intends to apply the amended rules. Unless a judge notifies the parties to the contrary, the requirements and limits imposed by the amended Federal Rules shall apply only to civil actions commenced on or after December 1, 1993. Local Rule 7.1(b) shall exempt certain categories of cases from the scheduling and planning requirements of Rules 16(b) and 26(f).

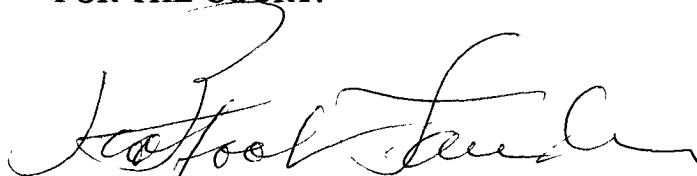
Pending further notice, the judges of this court will operate under this special order. During an interim period, the court will consult with its Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee for the purpose of obtaining its advice and counsel concerning an appropriate permanent policy to be adopted by the court regarding the amended Federal Rules. The court will also study the individual experiences of its judges in applying the amended rules.

The Clerk of Court shall publish and disseminate this order in accordance with the usual procedure.

SO ORDERED.

December 20, 1993.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barefoot Sanders", written over a horizontal line.

BAREFOOT SANDERS, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS