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

Special Order No. 2-46

By vote of the district judges of this court, the following procedures are implemented for considering and adopting modifications to the local civil, criminal, and bankruptcy rules.

1. Except when the court is required to act in an emergency, to comply with an Act of Congress, or to conform to the provisions of a national rule, the local civil, criminal, and bankruptcy rules will be modified no more than once each year, and any modifications will take effect on September 1 of the year in which they are adopted.

2. November 1 is established as the deadline to submit proposals for local rules modifications that are to take effect on September 1 of the following year. Proposals must be submitted to:

   Clerk of Court
   United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
   Attention: Proposed Local Rules Modifications
   1100 Commerce Street, Room 14A20
   Dallas, Texas 75242-1495

3. Local rules modifications that are to take effect on September 1 will be adopted and distributed for public comment no later than April 1. Public comment must be submitted no later than June 1.

4. Subject to changes made following receipt of public comment, the court will formally adopt no later than July 1 the local rules modifications that are to take effect on September 1.

5. If a date specified in this order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or date on which the clerk's office is closed by direction of the court or is otherwise inaccessible, the deadline is the next day that is not one of the aforementioned days.

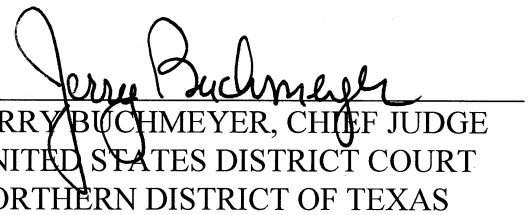
This order shall not apply to rules changes that took effect prior to April 16, 1998.

The clerk of court shall disseminate this order to the Bar and to the public by appropriate means.

SO ORDERED.

April 14, 1998.

FOR THE COURT:



JERRY BUCHMEYER, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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