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

JUN - 8 2000

Special Order No. 2-51

1. By Special Order No. 2-50, the District Judges of this Court adopted amendments to the local civil rules and local criminal rules of this Court. These revisions amend local civil rules 3.1 and 81.1 and local criminal rule 47.1(d), and adopt new local civil rules 7.4 and 81.2 and local criminal rule 49.2(d).

2. Following a period for submission of public comment, the Court has determined to amend the local civil rules and local criminal rules in the manner set forth in an attachment to this order. These amendments shall take effect on September 1, 2000 and shall apply to all proceedings in civil and criminal actions thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings in civil and criminal actions then pending.

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

SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

JERRY BUCHMEYER, CHIEF JUNGE UNITED STAITES DISTRICT COUNT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

ATTACHMENT

In amended rules, new material is <u>redlined</u>; deleted material is <u>stricken through</u>. In new rules, all material is new.

LOCAL CRIMINAL RULES

Amend LCrR 47.1(d)

(d) Brief. An opposed motion must be accompanied by a brief that sets forth the moving party's contentions of fact and/or law, and argument and authorities, unless a brief is not required by subsection (h) of this rule. A response to an opposed motion must be accompanied by a brief that sets forth the responding party's contentions of fact and/or law, and argument and authorities. A responding party is not required to file a brief in opposition to a motion for which a brief is not required by subsection (h) of this rule.

New Rule LCrR 49.2(d)

(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.

LOCAL CIVIL RULES

Amend LR 3.1

LR 3.1 Filing Complaint.

When a complaint is filed, the plaintiff must provide the clerk with an original and one copy of the complaint, and with the following:

- (a) sufficient copies of the complaint for service on each defendant whom the plaintiff desires to be served;
- (b) an original and one copy of a completed civil summons form for each defendant whom the plaintiff desires to be served;
- (c) an original and one copy of a civil cover sheet;
- (d) the required filing fee or the appropriate application to proceed without prepayment of fees; and
- (e) two additional copies of the complaint and civil summons form, and the required fee, for each defendant whom the plaintiff desires to be served through an agent authorized by law to receive service of process: and
- (f) a separately signed certificate of interested persons that contains a complete list of all persons, associations of persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, guarantors, insurers, affiliates, parent or subsidiary corporations, or other legal entities who or which are financially interested in the outcome of the case. If a large group of persons or firms can be specified by a generic description, individual listing is not necessary.

New Rule 7.4

LR 7.4 Certificate of Interested Persons.

The initial 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(f). If the defendant concurs in the accuracy of another party's previously-filed certificate, the defendant may adopt that certificate.

Amend LR 81.1(a)

LR 81.1 Required Form of Documents to be Filed Upon Removal.

- (a) The party or parties who remove a civil action from state court must provide the following to the clerk for filing:
 - (1) an original and one copy of a completed civil cover sheet;
 - (2) an original and one copy of a supplemental civil cover sheet; and
 - an original and one copy of a notice of removal with a copy of each of the following attached to both the original and copy—
 - (A) an index of all documents that clearly identifies each document and indicates the date the document was filed in state court:
 - (B) a copy of the docket sheet in the state court action; and
 - (C) each document filed in the state court action, except discovery material, individually tabbed and arranged in chronological order according to the state court file date: and
 - (D) a separately signed certificate of interested persons that complies with LR 3.1(f).

New Rule 81.2

LR 81.2 Certificate of Interested Persons.

Within 20 days after the notice of removal is filed, the plaintiff shall file a separately signed certificate of interested persons that complies with LR 3.1(f). If the plaintiff concurs in the accuracy of another party's previously-filed certificate, the plaintiff may adopt that certificate.