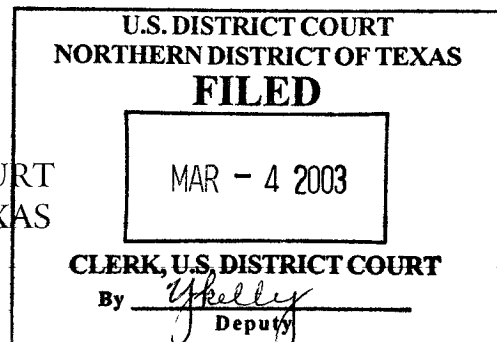


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2- 55

1. The District Judges of this Court have considered and adopted the attached amendment to the local civil rules of this Court. This amendment repeals local civil rule 51.1 if revised FED. R. CIV. P. 51 takes effect on December 1, 2003.
2. Unless modified after receipt of public comment, the repeal of this rule shall take effect on December 1, 2003, if revised FED. R. CIV. P. 51 takes effect on December 1, 2003, and shall apply to all proceedings in civil actions thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings in civil actions then pending.
3. Any persons who desire to comment on this proposed amendment may do so by submitting written comments to:

Clerk of Court
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Attention: 2003 Rule Revision Comments
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1452
Dallas, Texas 75242-1495

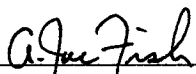
The deadline by which the Clerk must receive comments is June 1, 2003.

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

SO ORDERED.

March 3, 2003.

FOR THE COURT:



A. JOE FISH, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Proposed Repeal of Civil Rule 51.1

LR 51.1 is repealed effective December 1, 2003 if revised FED. R. CIV. P. 51, adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States on September 24, 2002, takes effect on December 1, 2003.

Note to the bar and public. Local Civil Rule 51.1 currently provides:

LR 51.1 Requested Jury Charge.

Unless otherwise directed by the presiding judge, at least 3 days before trial, each party must file with the clerk and serve on opposing parties the requested jury charge, including instructions and jury questions. The requested instructions and questions should cite the authorities relied on.