

**Proposed Rule Change Summary
Civil Rules – Effective January 1, 2021**

Local Civil Rule	Description	Change
5.4	Filing Documents Under Seal	This rule replaces former Rule 5.4 and details procedures for filing documents under seal.
5.5	Report for the Filing of Sealed Documents	Rule 5.4(c) specifies instances where the parties must meet, confer and submit a report regarding procedures for managing motions to seal. New Rule 5.5 gives the format for such report.
16.1(b)	Initial Pretrial Meeting	When parties have their Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f) meeting, they should discuss whether a LR 5.5 Order should be entered,
16.2	Joint Rule 26(f) Report	The Joint 26(f) report form has been modified to show the parties' position regarding a LR 5.5 Order.
16.3	Separate Rule 26(f) Report	The Joint 26(f) report form has been modified to show the parties' position regarding a LR 5.5 Order.
26.2	Protective Orders	This rule was amended to delete language regarding the provisional filing of documents under seal, since that is covered in LR 5.4 and 5.5.
40.1(d)	Sealing Exhibits or Trial Testimony and Closing the Courtroom	This new section specifies procedures for seeking court permission to seal exhibits, seal trial testimony or close a courtroom during a trial.
56.1(b)	Filing of Dispositive Motions	This section was modified to clarify that the time for filing dispositive motions is subject to the terms of any LR 5.5 Order.