

Rule Change Summary

Civil Rules – Effective October 1, 2023

Local Civil Rule	Description	Change
5.3(e)(3)	CM/ECF Signatures	This rule clarifies that an attorney must file in CM/ECF a document, notice of appearance, or notice of special appearance to appear in a case.
5.4(c)(6)	Default Procedures for Motion to Seal	The reference to “LR 5.4(d)” was changed to “LR 5.4.”
7.3(a)	Form of Motions	The word “document” was substituted for the word “pleading” for clarity.
7.3(c)	Motions Considered Without Hearing or Oral Argument	This rule clarifies that the Court will consider the content of motions and briefs in determining whether a hearing or oral argument is warranted.
7.3(f)	Response to a Motion	This rule clarifies that opposition to a motion should be filed as a single response brief instead of a response and a separate brief.
7.3(g)	Extension of Time for Filing Supporting Documents	This rule was deleted as it was a procedure in place for paper filings and no longer necessary.
7.3(j)	Motions Not Requiring Briefs	Section 10 of this rule was added to include consent motions to the list of motions not requiring briefs.
7.3(k)	Failure to File and Serve Motion Papers	This rule was modified to remove the reference to separate briefs being filed with responses to motions.
7.4	Ex Parte Motions	This rule was deleted as the sealing of ex parte motions is governed under Local Rules 5.4 and 5.5.
7.7	Disclosure of Corporate Affiliations and Other Entities With a Direct Financial Interest in Litigation	This new rule was created to specify what information is needed for judges to determine whether there may be a conflict of interest.
16.1	Pretrial Meeting of the Parties	This rule was modified to require the parties to confirm the basis for federal subject matter jurisdiction.
16.2	Joint Rule 26(f) Report	This form includes a statement confirming federal subject matter jurisdiction.

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16.3	Individual Rule 26(f) Report	This form includes a statement confirming federal subject matter jurisdiction.
37.1	Discovery Related Motions	The caption of this rule was changed from Motions to Compel Discovery to Discovery Related Motions, which is more descriptive of the rule. Video conferencing was added as an option for the required attorney conference.
40.1(b)	Continuance of Trial	This rule has been modified to require a personal signature for trial continuance requests.
65.1.1	Sureties	References to the United States Code were updated in this rule.
83.12	Objections to a Bankruptcy Judge's Findings	References to "magistrate" were changed to "magistrate judge." Section (c) was added to clarify that objections and responses to a bankruptcy judge's recommendation are subject to the length limits of LR 7.3(d).