

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 19-0044**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, December 19, 2019 and approved an amendment to Local Patent Rule 3.4 Amendment of Final Contentions.

The Court's Rules Committee considered the rule at its meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed amendment to Local Patent Rule 3.4.


The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2019 and agreed to modify Local Patent Rule 3.4. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, December 19, 2019,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Patent Rule 3.4 Amendment of Final Contentions be amended as attached (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~).

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 19 day of December, 2019

LPR 3.4. Amendment of Final Contentions

A party may amend its Final Infringement Contentions; Final Non-infringement, Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions; or Final Contentions in Response to any Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions only by order of the Court upon a showing of good cause and absence of unfair prejudice to opposing parties, made promptly upon discovery of the basis for the amendment. An example of a circumstance that may support a finding of good cause, absent undue prejudice to the non-moving party, includes a claim construction by the Court different from that proposed by the party seeking amendment. A motion to amend final contentions due to a claim construction ruling shall be filed, with proposed amendment(s), within fourteen (14) days of the entry of such ruling.

The duty to supplement discovery responses does not excuse the need to obtain leave of court to amend contentions.