

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 12 - 0013**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, March 29, 2012 and approved an amendment to Local Rule 3.1 Designation Sheet. The amendment will assist in the assignment of MDL tag-along cases. The proposed amendment was published with comments due on January 31, 2012. No comments were received from the Public or the Rules Advisory Committee.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the rule at its meeting on February 13, 2012. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed amendment as published.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on March 29, 2012 and agreed to modify Local Rule 3.1. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, March 29, 2012,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 3.1: Designation Sheet be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

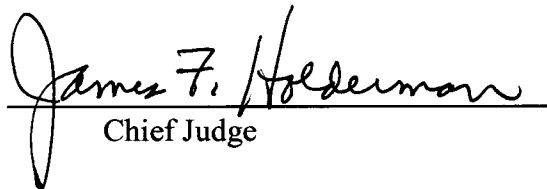
LR3.1. Designation Sheet

(a) Plaintiff's Counsel to File Designation Sheet. At the time of filing a case, plaintiff's counsel, or if the case is filed pro se, the plaintiff shall file with the original papers a completed designation sheet (civil cover sheet). If the case is filed by a person in custody, the staff law clerk or prisoner correspondence clerk shall complete the designation sheet.

(b) List of Associated Bankruptcy Matters. Pursuant to LR40.3.1, the person filing the petition for withdrawal of reference, report and recommendation, appeal, motion for leave to appeal, or application for a writ shall complete the designation sheet required by LR3.1 and shall include on the sheet a list of any associated bankruptcy cases, adversary proceedings, non-core proceedings, appeals or motions for leave to appeal, or application for a writ from such proceedings previously assigned to one or more district judges.

(c) Identification of Multidistrict Litigation Proceedings. Where a case is filed as a tag-along to a multidistrict litigation (MDL) proceeding that is before a judge of this Court, the person filing the designation sheet shall, at the same time, file an affidavit identifying the number assigned to the MDL proceeding by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and the name of the presiding judge.

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 2nd day of April, 2012