

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 09 - 0022**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, September 24, 2009 and adopted Local Patent Rules. The Local Patent Rules provide a standard structure for patent cases that will permit greater predictability and planning for the Court and the litigants. The proposed rules were published with comments due on May 22, 2009. Numerous comments were received.

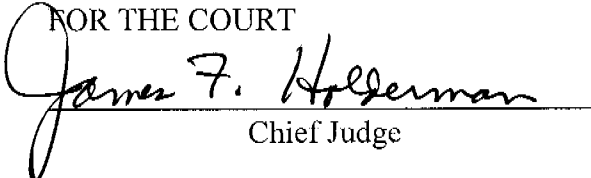
The Rules Advisory Committee on Local Rules and Procedures discussed the proposed rules and comments at its meeting on June 2, 2009. The Rules Advisory Committee recommended modifications based upon the comments received.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the rules, comments, and recommended modifications from the Rules Advisory Committee at the Rules Committee meeting of August 25, 2009. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed local rules as modified.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2009 and agreed to adopt the Local Patent Rules. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, September 24, 2009,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Local Patent Rules be adopted.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT  
  
Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009