UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 23-0021

The full Court met in executive session on February 23, 2023 and approved the abrogation of Local Rule 83.15. The proposed retraction was published with comments due on May 1, 2023. Neither the Rules Advisory Committee nor the Public submitted comments.

The Rules Committee considered the rule at its meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed abrogation of Local Rule 83.15.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee and agreed to abolish Local Rule 83.15. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, June 29, 2023,

IT IS ORDERED that Local Rule 83.15 be abrogated as attached (additions shown thus, deletions shown thus).

The modification to the Local Rules is effective immediately, pending the approval of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT

Hon Rebecca R Pallmever Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 6th day of July 2023

LR 83.15 Local Counsel: Designation for Service

- (a) Designation. An attorney not having an office within this District ("nonresident attorney") may appear before this Court only upon having designated as local counsel a member of the bar of this Court having an office within this District upon whom service of papers may be made. Such designation shall be made at the time the initial notice or pleading is filed by the nonresident attorney. Local counsel shall file an appearance but is not required to participate in the case beyond performance of the duties identified in section (c).
- (b) Penalties. Where a nonresident attorney tenders documents without the required designation of local counsel, the Clerk shall process them as if the designation were filed and shall promptly notify the attorney in writing that the designation must be made within 30 days. If the attorney fails to file the designation within that time, the documents filed by the attorney may be stricken by the court.
- (c) Duties of Local Counsel. Local counsel shall be responsible for receiving service of notices, pleadings, and other documents and promptly notifying the nonresident attorney of their receipt and contents. In emergencies, local counsel may appear on behalf of the nonresident attorney. This rule does not require local counsel to handle any substantive aspects of the litigation. Nor does the rule require local counsel to sign any pleading, motion or other paper (See Fed.R.Civ.P. 11).

Amended December 23, 2016