UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 24-0030

The full Court met in executive session on April 25, 2024 and approved proposed amendments to Local Rule 3.1 – Designation Sheet. The proposed amendments were published with comments due on July 5, 2024. Neither the Rules Advisory Committee nor the Public submitted comments.

The Rules Committee considered the proposed amendments and the report of the Rules

Advisory Committee at its meeting on October 17, 2024. The Rules Committee approved the

recommendations from the Rules Advisory Committee and recommended that the full Court adopt Local
Rule 3.1 as proposed.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024, and agreed to adopt Local Rule 3.1 as proposed.

By direction of the full Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 3.1 be implemented as published by the Rules Committee as attached (additions shown thus, deletions shown thus). The Rule is effective immediately, pending the approval of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council.

ENTER: FOR THE COURT

łoń Virginia M. Kendall, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 31st day of October 2024

LR 3.1 Designation Sheet

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Amended February 25, 2005; April 2, 2012

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