

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 11 - 0018**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, May 19, 2011 and approved an amendment to Local Rule 83.37 regarding Duties & Responsibilities of Appointed Counsel. The proposed amendment was published with comments due on March 28, 2011. No comments were received from the Public.

The Court's Rules Advisory Committee reviewed the rule at its meeting on May 3, 2011 and approved the amendment as published.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the rule at its meeting on May 12, 2011. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposal as published.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on May 19, 2011 and agreed to modify Local Rule 83.37. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, May 19, 2011,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 83.37 Duties & Responsibilities of Appointed Counsel be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

**LR83.37. Duties & Responsibilities of Appointed Counsel**

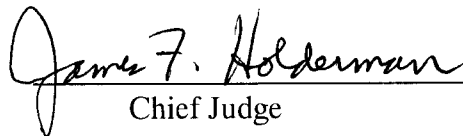
Upon receiving notice of the appointment, counsel shall forthwith file an appearance in accordance with ~~LR83.13~~ LR83.12 in the action to which counsel is appointed. Promptly following the filing of an appearance, counsel shall communicate with the newly-represented party concerning the action or appeal. In addition to a full discussion of the merits of the dispute, counsel shall explore with the party any possibilities of resolving the dispute in other forums, including but not limited to administrative forums. If after consultation with counsel the party decides to prosecute or defend the action or appeal, counsel shall proceed to represent the party in the action or appeal unless or until the attorney-client relationship is terminated as provided by these rules.

Except where the appointment is terminated pursuant to LR83.38 or LR83.39, each appointed counsel shall represent the party in the action from the date counsel enters an appearance until a final judgment is entered in the action. If the matter is remanded to an

administrative forum, the appointed counsel shall, unless given leave to withdraw by the judge, continue to represent the party in any proceeding, judicial or administrative, that may ensue upon an order of remand. The appointed counsel is not required by these rules to continue to represent a party on appeal should the party represented wish to appeal from a final judgment.

Upon appointment for purposes of settlement assistance, the attorney will assist in preparing for the settlement conference, participate in the settlement conference on behalf of the pro se litigant, and draft a settlement agreement and corresponding motion to dismiss, if appropriate. Assistance under the Settlement Assistance Program will be limited only to the effort to settle the case and will not extend to any other part of the litigation process.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT

  
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Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2011