

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 15 - 0015**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, June 18, 2015 and approved a technical amendment to Local Rule 83.41 Attorney's Fees. This is a technical amendment and does not require publication for comment.

The Court's Rules Committee considered the rule on June 3, 2015. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed amendment to Local Rule 83.41.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on June 18, 2015 and agreed to modify Local Rule 83.41. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, June 18, 2015,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 83.41 Attorney's Fees be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~).

LR83.41. Attorney's Fees

(a) **PARTY'S ABILITY TO PAY.** Where as part of the process of ~~appointing~~ assigning counsel the judge finds that the party is able to pay for legal services in whole or in part but that ~~appointment~~ assignment is justified, the judge shall include in the order of ~~appointment~~ assignment provisions for any fee arrangement between the party and the ~~appointed~~ assigned counsel.

If ~~appointed~~ assigned counsel discovers after ~~appointment~~ assignment that the party is able to pay for legal services in whole or in part, counsel shall bring that information to the attention of the judge. Thereupon the judge may either (1) authorize the party and counsel to enter into a fee agreement subject to the judge's approval, or (2) relieve counsel from the responsibilities of the order of ~~appointment~~ assignment and either permit the party to retain an attorney or to proceed *pro se*.

(b) **FEE AGREEMENTS** If ~~appointed~~ assigned counsel wishes to negotiate a fee arrangement with the client, counsel must do so at the outset of the representation. Any such fee arrangement is subject to all applicable rules and canons of professional conduct. Any fee agreement that ~~appointed~~ assigned counsel and the client may reach must be submitted to the court for review and approval before the agreement becomes effective, and is subject to revision by the court.

(c) **ALLOWANCE OF FEES.** Upon appropriate application by ~~appointed~~ assigned counsel, the judge may award attorney's fees to ~~appointed~~ assigned counsel for services

rendered in the action as authorized by applicable statute, regulation, rule, or other provision of law, including case law.

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 29th day of June, 2015