

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 15 - 0016**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, June 18, 2015 and approved a technical amendment to Local Rule 16.1. Pretrial Procedures. 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 16.1.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on June 18, 2015 and agreed to modify Local Rule 16.1. Therefore,

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 16.1. Pretrial Procedures be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~).

**LR16.1.1. Pretrial Procedures**

(a) **Standing Order & Form.** Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 16, the Court has adopted a standing order on pretrial procedures together with model pretrial order forms. Copies of the standing order and forms shall be available from the clerk [see appendix]. The procedures set forth in the standing order, except for the need to prepare the pretrial order itself, shall apply to all civil cases except for those in categories enumerated in section (b) of this rule. As to all other cases, a pretrial order shall be prepared whenever the judge to whom a case is assigned so orders.

(b) **Exempted Classes of Cases.** The pretrial procedures adopted pursuant to section (a) of this rule shall not apply to the following classes of civil cases (The statistical nature of suit ("NS") codes are shown in parentheses following the class of cases.):

- (1) Recovery of overpayments and student loan cases (NS: 150, 152, 153);
- (2) Mortgage foreclosure cases (NS: 220);
- (3) Prisoner petitions (NS: 510, 520, 530, 540, 550);
- (4) U.S. forfeiture/penalty cases (NS: 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690);
- (5) Bankruptcy appeals and transfers (NS: 420, 421)

(6) Deportation reviews (NS: 460);

(7) ERISA: Collections of Delinquent Contributions;

(8) Social Security reviews (NS: 861, 862, 863, 864, 865);

(9) Tax suits & IRS third party (NS: 870, 871);

(10) Customer challenges 12 U.S.C. §3410 (NS: 875); or

(11) cases brought under the Agricultural Acts, Economic Stabilization Act, Energy Allocation Act, Freedom of Information Act, Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice Act, NARA Title II (NS: 891, 892, 894, 895, 900, 970)

Notwithstanding the provisions of this rule, a pretrial order shall be prepared whenever the judge to whom a case is assigned so orders.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT



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Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015