

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 17 - 0014**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, October 19, 2017 and approved an amendment to Local Rule 26.2, Sealed Documents. The proposed amendment was published with comments due on July 5, 2017. No comments were received from the Public or the Rules Advisory Committee.

The Court's Rules Committee considered the rule at its meeting on October 12, 2017. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed amendment to Local Rule 26.2.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on October 19, 2017 and agreed to modify Local Rule 26.2. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, October 19, 2017,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 26.2, Sealed Documents, be amended as follows

(additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~.)

LR26.2. Sealed Documents
Local Rule

(a) Definitions. As used in this rule the term: "Sealed document" means a document that the court has directed be maintained under seal electronically or, where the court allows a sealed document to be filed non-electronically, within a sealed enclosure such that access to the document requires breaking the seal of the enclosure; and "Sealing order" means any order restricting access to one or more documents filed or to be filed with the court.

(b) Sealing Order. The court may for good cause shown enter an order directing that one or more documents be filed under seal. No attorney or party may file a document under seal without order of court specifying the particular document or portion of a document that may be filed under seal, except that a document may provisionally be filed under seal pursuant to subsection (c) below.

(c) Sealing Motion for Documents filed Electronically. Any party wishing to file a document or portion of a document electronically under seal in connection with a motion, brief or other submission must: (1) provisionally file the document electronically under seal; (2) file electronically at the same time a public-record version of the brief, motion or other submission with only the sealed document excluded; and (3) move the court for leave to file the document under seal. The sealing motion must be filed before or simultaneously with the provisional filing of the document under seal, and must be noticed for presentment promptly thereafter. Any document filed under seal without such a sealing motion may be stricken by the court without notice.

(d) Sealing Motion for Documents not filed Electronically. Where the court has permitted documents to be filed non-electronically, the party seeking to file a document under seal must, before filing the