

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 25-0026

The full Court met in executive session on April 24, 2025 and approved the publication of the new proposed Local Rule 79.1.1 – Digital Media Exhibits, with comments due on July 18, 2025. Neither the Rules Advisory Committee nor the Public submitted comments.

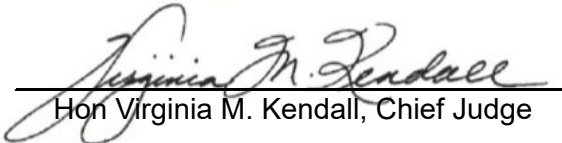
The Rules Committee considered the rule at its meeting on September 19, 2025 and recommended that the full court adopt the proposed Local Rule 79.1.1.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on September 29, 2025, and agreed to adopt the new proposed Local Rule 79.1.1.

By direction of the full Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 79.1.1 be implemented as attached. The Rule is effective immediately, pending the approval of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council.

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT


Hon Virginia M. Kendall, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 8th day of October 2025

LR 79.1.1 Digital Media Exhibits

A. **Filing or Other Submission:** Digital media exhibits that are filed or otherwise submitted to the court are to be submitted through the portal on the court's website found **HERE**, unless otherwise directed by the court.

B. **Definition:** The term "digital media exhibits" as used in this rule means files that are in an electronic audio and/or video format (.mp4, .mov, .mp3, .wav, etc.). Picture or text files (.jpeg, .png, .docx, .txt, etc.) are not considered digital media exhibits under this rule and are not to be submitted through the portal referenced in paragraph A of this rule. Such files are to be submitted through the court's case management system as a PDF.

C. **Designation:** For the purposes of this local rule, a digital media file must be classified at the time of filing or submission as one of the following:

1. **Public Record:** A digital media exhibit submitted to the Clerk's Office and available to the public when requested. A member of the public may place an order with the Clerk's Office to be provided with an electronic copy of the exhibit subject to payment of the appropriate fee set by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

2. **Sealed:** A digital media exhibit submitted to the Court under the procedures found in LR 5.8 and LR 26.2. An exhibit submitted under this designation will not be available to the public. The filing party must serve an unredacted copy of the exhibit on any other party, unless otherwise ordered.

3. **Ex Parte:** When Court ordered, a digital media exhibit submitted with this designation will only be available to the assigned judge. The public and other parties will not have access to this exhibit.

The Clerk of Court will change the classification of any digital media exhibit when ordered by the Court.