

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

## PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LOCAL RULES

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, January 30, 2020, and approved a proposal to amend Local Rule 5.2 of the Civil Rules of this Court as attached (additions marked thus, deletions marked ~~thus~~).

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**COMMENT:** By direction of the full Court and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §207(b) regarding appropriate public notice and opportunity for comment, the Clerk is directed to: (a) cause notice of the proposal to amend Local Rule 5.2 to be published in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, (b) cause notice of the proposal and requests for comment to be posted on the web site for the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, (c) cause notice of the proposal to be posted in the Courthouses at Chicago and Rockford, (d) indicate in such notice a final date for receipt of comments, which date shall be sixty days from the first date of publication in the *Law Bulletin*, (e) collect and distribute among the members of the Advisory Committee for Local Rules all comments received, and (f) following receipt of a copy of the report and recommendation of the advisory committee to distribute copies of the comments together with copies of the report and recommendation among the members of the Court for consideration at a regular meeting of the full Court.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT

  
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Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

## LR 5.2. Electronic and Paper Form of Documents Filed

~~a) **Electronic Filing Permitted.** The court will accept for filing documents submitted, signed, or verified by electronic means that comply with procedures established by the court as set forth in the General Order on Electronic Case Filing or other similar order.~~

~~Where a document is submitted in an electronic format pursuant to procedures established by the court, submitted in both electronic and paper formats, or submitted in paper and subsequently produced in an electronic format by court staff, the electronic version shall be the court's official record. Where a document is submitted in paper format without an electronic version being produced, the paper version shall be the court's official record. Where the electronic version of a document is a redacted version of an unredacted paper document, the unredacted paper version shall be the court's official record.~~

~~a) **Filing Electronically.** A person represented by an attorney must file documents electronically, unless nonelectronic filing is allowed by the court for good cause. A person not represented by an attorney may file documents electronically only after successful completion of a Clerk's Office administered class on how to file electronic documents in this Court and then may only file documents after the complaint has been filed in paper format. The filing must comply with procedures established by the court as set forth in the General Order on Electronic Case Filing~~

~~b) **Filing in Paper.** A person not represented by an attorney may file paper documents as follows: (1) in person at the Clerk's Office, (2) by United States Mail, (3) by overnight delivery or courier service, (4) by using the drop box in the Courthouse, or (5) by having another individual hand deliver the document to the Clerk's Office.~~

~~c) **Official Court Record.** Where a document is submitted in an electronic format pursuant to procedures established by the court, submitted in both electronic and paper formats, or submitted in paper and subsequently converted to an electronic format by court staff, the electronic version shall be the court's official record. Where a document is submitted in paper format without an electronic version being produced, the paper version shall be the court's official record. Where the electronic version of a document is a redacted version of an unredacted paper document, the unredacted paper version shall be the court's official record.~~

~~d) **e) Filing by Email or FAX Not Permitted.** Documents to be filed with the court may not be transmitted to the court by Email or FAX. The only means of filing documents with the court electronically is in accordance with LR 5.2(a) and the General Order on Electronic Case Filing or other similar General Order.~~

~~(b) **Redaction of Transcripts Filed Electronically.** If a party or an attorney for a party files a written request to redact specific portions of a transcript pursuant to either~~

~~Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2 or Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1, the court reporter is ordered by the Court to make that redaction. Any other redaction request must be made by motion to the court.~~

**(ce) Paper and Font Size.** Each paper original filed and each paper judge's copy shall be flat and unfolded on opaque, unglazed, white paper 8½ x 11 inches in size. It shall be plainly written, typed, printed, or prepared by means of a duplicating process, without erasures or interlineations which materially deface it.

Where the document is typed, line spacing will be at least 2.0 lines. Where it is typed or printed,

(1) the size of the type in the body of the text shall be 12 points and that in footnotes, no less than 11 points, and

(2) the margins, left-hand, right-hand, top, and bottom, shall each be a minimum of 1 inch.

**(df) Binding and Tabs.** Each paper original shall be bound or secured at the top edge of the document by a staple or a removable metal paper fastener inserted through two holes. A paper original shall not have a front or back cover. A paper original shall not have protruding tabs. Exhibits or tabs that are part of the paper original shall be indicated in bold type on a single sheet of paper placed immediately before the corresponding exhibit or attachment. Unless not reasonably feasible, exhibits to paper originals shall be 8½ x 11 inches in size. A judge's paper copy shall be bound on the left side and shall include protruding tabs for exhibits. A list of exhibits must be provided for each document that contains more than one exhibit.

**(eg) Documents Not Complying May be Stricken.** Any document that does not comply with this rule shall be filed subject to being stricken by the court.

**(fh) Judge's Copy.** Each person or party filing a paper version of a pleading, motion, or document, other than an appearance form, motion to appear *pro hac vice*, or return of service, shall file, in addition to the original, a copy for use by the court, with the exception of documents filed by Persons in Custody. A Person in Custody need not file a judge's copy. Where a filing is made electronically of a pleading, motion, or document other than an appearance form or return of service, a paper copy shall be provided for the judge within one business day, if the electronically filed document, including all exhibits, exceeds ten pages in length; provided, however, that any judge may, by standing order or by order in any case, dispense with this requirement for documents of greater length or, in the alternative, may direct that counsel submit a paper copy of any filing, regardless of length. Delivery of paper copies by overnight mail satisfies this requirement. Every judge's paper copy must be bound and tabbed as required by subsection (d).

**(i) Redaction of Transcripts Filed Electronically.** If a party or an attorney for a party files a written request to redact specific portions of a transcript pursuant to either Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2 or Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1, the court reporter is ordered by the Court to make that redaction. Any other redaction request must be made by motion to the court.

Amended XXXXX, 2020