

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 21-0011**

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, March 25, 2021 and approved the abrogation of Local Rule 54.5 Stipulation Regarding Payment of Fees and Costs not Prepaid. The proposed retraction was published with comments due on March 5, 2021. Neither the Rules Advisory Committee nor the Public submitted remarks.

The Court's Rules Committee considered the rule at its meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed abrogation of the Local Rule.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee and agreed to abolish Local Rule 54.5. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, March 25, 2021,

IT IS ORDERED that Local Rule 54.5 be abrogated as attached (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~).

The modification to the Local Rules is effective immediately, pending the approval of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council.

ENTER:  
FOR THE COURT



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Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021

## ~~LR54.5. Stipulation Regarding Payment of Fees and Costs Not Prepaid~~

~~**(a) Stipulation.** Where, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915, 28 U.S.C. §1916 or 45 U.S.C. §153(b), a plaintiff seeks to commence a civil action without paying fees and costs or giving security for them, the plaintiff and, if represented, counsel for the plaintiff, shall file with the complaint a stipulation that the recovery, if any, in the action shall be paid to the clerk, who shall pay from it the filing fees and other costs not previously paid and remit the balance to the plaintiff or counsel for plaintiff in accordance with section (b).~~

~~**(b) Notification of Payment.** Whenever money shall be paid to the clerk of this court in compliance with section (a), the clerk shall notify the judge to whom the case is assigned of the amount paid and of any fees prescribed by statute, including those established by the Judicial Conference of the United States, which were not collected because plaintiff was permitted to maintain an action without prepayment of such fees. The judge shall thereupon enter an order directing the clerk to pay from the amount such fees and costs as were not prepaid and to remit the balance to plaintiff or counsel for plaintiff.~~