

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois recently amended Local Rule (LR 5.8) regarding Filing Materials under Seal. Please familiarize yourself with the amended rule that can be found [here](#). The rule has been modified to require any party with an electronic filing account to file sealed documents electronically pursuant to LR 26.2. If a party with an electronic filing account does not file a document electronically, the paper documents will be filed as unsealed and publicly available.

If paper documents are filed by an unrepresented party without an e-filing account, they must include a cover sheet containing the following:

- case number and case caption;
- title "Sealed Document Pursuant to LR 26.2";
- statement that the document is filed under seal pursuant to a court order and the date of that order; and
- signature, name and address of party filing document and the title of the document.

The Clerk of Court is authorized to file all documents that are not in compliance with LR 5.8 as unsealed documents.