CHANGES TO LOCAL RULES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2014

Civil Rule Changes

RULE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
5.4	Filing Documents Under Seal	This section provides guidance for filing sealed documents and motions to seal documents.
7.1(a)	Form of Pleadings and Papers	This rule was amended to require that pleadings be double spaced.
7.3(i)	Suggestions of Subsequently Decided Authority	This rule was revised to clarify that subsequent pertinent and significant authority can be filed as an addendum to a brief, response brief, or reply brief.
7.6	Asserting Evidentiary Objections to Factual Allegations Contained in Motions, Memoranda or Replies	This amendment clarifies that objections to factual allegations can be made within a response or reply memorandum.
15.1	Amended Pleadings	This proposal requires parties to attach proposed pleadings motions to amend pleadings.
16.2	Joint Rule 26(f) Report (Form)	This form clarifies the deadline for reports required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B), disclosures required by FRCP 26(a)(2)(C) and supplementation provided by FRCP 26(e).

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16.3	Rule 26(f) Report (Form)	This form clarifies the deadline for reports required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B), disclosures required by FRCP 26(a)(2)(C) and supplementation provided by FRCP 26(e).
26.2	Protective Orders and Exchange of Claimed Confidential Material in Discovery	This section provides guidance for seeking protective orders during discovery.
37.1	Motions to Compel Discovery	Section (b) was modified for changes to the numbering of Federal Civil Rule 37(a)(5) and the elimination of former Local Rule 37.1(e).
54.1	Taxation of Costs	The reasonable costs of private process servers was added to the list of items normally taxable.
72.4	Objections and Responses to a Magistrate Judge's Recommendations	This amendment clarifies that objections and responses to a magistrate judge's recommendations and orders are limited to 20 pages in length.
83.7	Photographs, Recordings, and Broadcasts	This rule was updated for changes related to Standing Order 2, which allows attorneys to use specified electronic devices, such as cell phones.
83.9e(i)	Inadmissibility of statements and conduct occurring during mediated settlement conferences.	The section addresses the inadmissibility of certain statements made during mediation conferences.

RULE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
83.10h(d)	Petitions for Reinstatement	This change clarifies that costs for reinstatement may be required by the Court after the filing of the petition for reinstatement.
83.11	Referral of Bankruptcy Matters	Two new paragraphs have been added to clarify when a Bankruptcy Judge may submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the District Court, and that the District Court has the discretion to treat any order of the Bankruptcy Court as proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law should the District Court determine that entry the order or judgment by the Bankruptcy Judge is not consistent with Article III.
103.2(b)	Document Production Accompanying Disclosure of Asserted Claims and Preliminary Infringement Contentions	This local patent rule is amended to correct a typographical error.

Criminal Rule Changes

RULE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
57.1	Incorporation of Certain Local Rules of Civil Practice	This rule incorporates proposed Local Rule 5.4 (Filing Documents Under Seal) and Local Civil Rule 7.3(i), which governs the filing of a Suggestion of Subsequently Decided Authority.