

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO LOCAL RULES
Effective April 2, 2012

Civil Rule Changes

RULE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
5.1	Additional Copies for Court Use	This rule has been modified to allow 2 days for attorneys to place judges' copies of documents in the mail.
7.2(a)	Brief Contents	Response and reply brief content requirements are specified in this rule.
7.5 (NEW)	Brief of an Amicus Curiae	This rule gives procedures for filing amicus curiae briefs.
16.1(f) (NEW)	Meeting on the Scope of Retention of Potentially Relevant Documents	Parties can request a meeting in advance of the LR 16.1(b) meeting to discuss retention of electronic and other documents.
72.4 (NEW)	Objections and Responses to Recommendation or Order	Objections and responses to magistrate judge's recommendation are limited to 20 pages.
83.1(d)(1)	Special Appearance of Attorneys	This rule for special appearances was clarified to state that association with local counsel is required, but a motion is not necessary.
83.1(e)(2)	Substitution of Governmental Attorneys	Government attorneys can substitute counsel by filing a Notice of Substitution of Counsel.

RULE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
83.10n	Public Disciplinary Record	The general order imposing attorney discipline has been specified as the only public disciplinary record.
LR 101.1 through LR 105.2	Local Patent Rules	Rules for intellectual property cases have been created.
Various		Spacing was added after the characters “LR” when necessary.

Criminal Rule Changes

RULE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDATION
57.1	Incorporation of Certain Local Rules of Civil Practice	This rule now incorporates LR 7.3(b) and LR 7.3(d), which specify the content and page length of briefs.