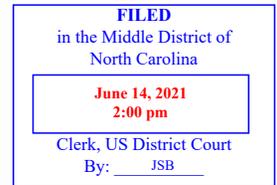


**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**



IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL) ORDER MODIFYING
RULES OF CIVIL PRACTICE) LOCAL RULE 83.9d
IN THIS COURT) OF CIVIL PRACTICE

IT APPEARING that Local Civil Rule 5.3 requires attorneys for parties in cases to file documents electronically in CM/ECF except for express exceptions;

IT ALSO APPEARING that a notice of selection of mediator is not listed as a document exempt from the mandatory filing requirement of Local Civil Rule 5.3; and

IT ALSO APPEARING that to be consistent with Local Civil Rule 5.3, Local Rule 83.9d should be modified to clarify that a notice regarding selection of a mediator should be filed via CM/ECF.

FOR GOOD CAUSE APPEARING TO THE COURT, and pursuant to the authority of 28 U.S.C. 2071, it is ordered that the following modified Local Rule 83.9d(a) be approved:

LR 83.9d SELECTION OF THE MEDIATOR

(a) Selection by Agreement. The parties are encouraged to select their own mediator by agreement. If, within 21 days of the initial pretrial order, the parties file a notice identifying an agreed-upon mediator, such notice shall be effective to select the mediator, and the clerk will notify the mediator of his or her selection. The parties may select an agreed-upon mediator who is not on the clerk's list of certified mediators, but any such mediator must, prior to service, agree to be bound by all provisions of these rules.

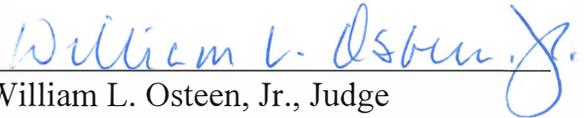
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall alert the public of this order through prominent display on the Court's website and shall provide notice of the local rule amendments to this Court's bar through the CM/ECF electronic noticing system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment described herein shall become effective June 21, 2021.

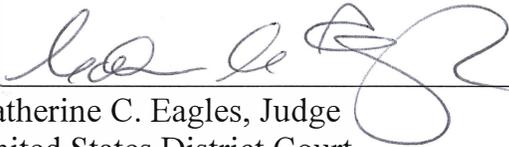
This the 14th day of June, 2021.



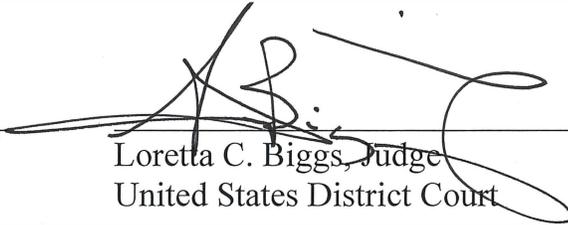
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United States District Court



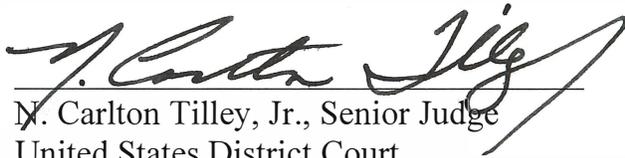
William L. Osteen, Jr., Judge
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Catherine C. Eagles, Judge
United States District Court



Loretta C. Biggs, Judge
United States District Court



N. Carlton Tilley, Jr., Senior Judge
United States District Court