Local Civil Rule Amendments Effective April 3, 2024

Local Civil Rule	Description	Change
5.3(c)	Registration for Electronic Filing	This rule has been amended to reflect the current practice of applying for admission via PACER.
7.3(d)	Limitations on Length of Briefs	These amendments 1) prohibit the reference of arguments made in another brief and the filing of multiple motions to circumvent the word count limits for briefs; 2) address the filing of briefs by parties that are represented by the same legal counsel; and 3) address the filing of multiple summary judgment motions and briefs by the same party.
7.3(g)	Lead Plaintiff Briefing in PSLRA Cases	This new section sets a 7-day deadline for filing briefs in response to motions to serve as lead counsel in Private Securities Litigation Reform Act ("PSLRA") cases and disallows reply briefs.
16.1(b)	Meeting of the Parties Pursuant to Rule 26(f)	Section (b)(10) was inserted to give guidance for the discovery of medical and mental health records in cases where a party contends as part of their damages that they have obtained medical or mental health care treatment.
23.1(b)	Motion for Class Action Determination	The amendment to this rule changes the time for filing a motion for class certification from 90 days from the filing of the complaint to 90 days from the entry of an initial pretrial order. It also requires the parties to address the class action determination as part of the Rule 16 conference and Rule 26(f) report.
54.1(c)	Taxable Costs	This rule was modified to include the costs of shipping/mailing transcripts, mediation fees, and costs for service by private process servers as items normally not taxable.
77.2	Orders and Judgments Grantable by Clerk	This rule was amended to conform to the Supplemental Rules for Social Security Actions under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), which were enacted December 1, 2022.