

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

<b>FILED</b> in the Middle District of North Carolina
<b>February 2, 2021</b> <b>11:25 am</b>
Clerk, US District Court By: <u>          JSB          </u>

**ORDER ADOPTING LOCAL  
PATENT RULES**

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The Local Patent Rules Committee for the Middle District of North Carolina proposed amendments to Local Patent Rules 101.1, 101.2, 101.3, 102.1, 102.2, 102.5, 103.1, 103.2, 103.3, 103.4, 103.5, 103.6, 103.7, 104.1, 104.2, and 104.3. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 83, this Court gave appropriate public notice and opportunity to comment.

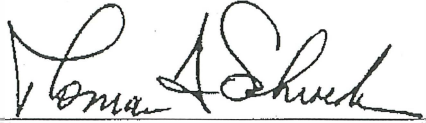
The Court received one suggestion for additional language to the proposed comment to LR 102.1, which would encourage parties to discuss at the initial scheduling conference the use of mediation. The Local Patent Rules Committee agreed with the suggestion and recommended additional wording. Such wording was approved by the Court and incorporated into the comment to LR 102.1. No other suggestions or comments were received, and the Court determined that the proposed amendments should otherwise be approved as proposed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the above referenced local rule changes are hereby approved.

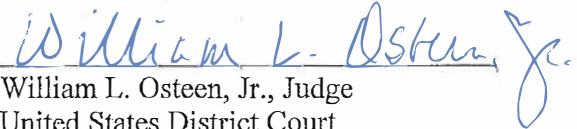
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall alert the public of this order through prominent display on the Court’s website and shall provide notice of the local rule amendments to this Court’s bar through the CM/ECF electronic noticing system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendments described herein shall become effective February 8, 2021.

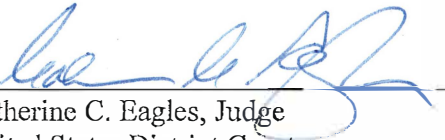
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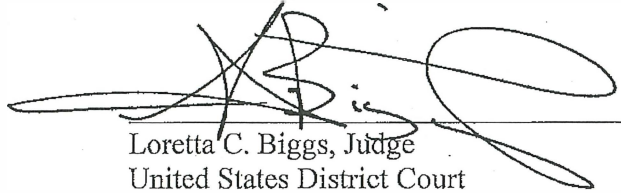
Thomas D. Schroeder, Chief Judge  
United States District Court



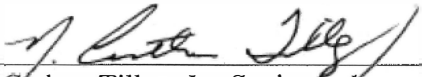
William L. Osteen, Jr., Judge  
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Catherine C. Eagles, Judge  
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Loretta C. Biggs, Judge  
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N. Carlton Tilley, Jr., Senior Judge  
United States District Court