

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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## NOTICE OF AMENDED RULES AND PROPOSED NEW RULE

On June 3, 2013, the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan approved amendments to the following local rules, effective July 1, 2013:

- LR 5.1, Filing of Papers
- LR 7.1, Motion Practice
- LR 83.22, Attorney Discipline

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 83, proposed amendments to LR 5.1 and LR 83.22 were previously published for comment. Based on the comments received regarding LR 5.1, the Court approved amendments to LR 7.1.

On June 3, 2013, the Court also approved the publication of proposed new LR 42.1, Motions to Consolidate, for comment.

In order to be assured consideration, comments in writing, which may include recommended changes to the proposed amendments, should be received by the Court not later than Friday, July 12, 2013. Comments may be sent to [Local\\_Rules@mied.uscourts.gov](mailto:Local_Rules@mied.uscourts.gov) or to Local Rules, 814 Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

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[Additions are indicated by underline, and deletions by strikethrough.]

### **LR 5.1 Filing of Papers**

#### **(a) Papers Presented for Filing. \*\*\***

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**(3) Type Size.** Except for standard preprinted forms that are in general use, type size of all text and footnotes must be no smaller than 10-1/2 characters per inch (non-proportional) or ~~12~~ 14 point (proportional).

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**LR 7.1 Motion Practice**

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**(d) Briefs.**

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**(3) Length of Briefs.**

(A) The text of a brief supporting a motion or response, including footnotes and signatures, may not exceed ~~20~~ 25 pages. A person seeking to file a longer brief may apply *ex parte* in writing setting forth the reasons.

(B) The text of a reply brief, including footnotes and signatures, may not exceed 5 ~~7~~ pages.

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**LR 83.22 Attorney Discipline**

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**(g) Discipline by Other Jurisdictions.**

**(1) Reciprocal Order of Discipline.**

(A) ~~When another jurisdiction enters an order of discipline against an attorney admitted to practice in this court, the same discipline is automatically effective in this court without further action by the court.~~ On receipt of written notice that another jurisdiction entered an order of imposed discipline against an attorney admitted to practice in this court, the chief judge will enter an order imposing the same discipline, effective as of the date that the discipline was effective in the other jurisdiction. If the discipline imposed in the other jurisdiction has been stayed there, the court may defer ~~reciprocal~~ discipline until the stay expires. If the order of discipline includes a period of suspension or disbarment, an attorney may be reinstated to this court only by application pursuant to LR 83.22(i)(1).

**(2) Application to Modify Reciprocal Order of Discipline.**

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**LR 42.1      Motions to Consolidate**

(a) A party seeking to consolidate cases under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) must:

(1) file a motion in the case with the lowest case number; and

(2) file a notice of the motion in each related case.

(b) The district judge presiding in the lowest numbered case will decide the motion. However, the motion may not be granted unless the judges presiding in the related cases consent.

(c) If the motion is granted, the consolidated cases will be reassigned to the judge presiding in the lowest numbered case.

June 4, 2013