



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**
Office of the District Court Executive

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

On September 8, 2026, the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan approved for publication and comment amendments to the following local rules:

- LR 7.1, Motion Practice
- LR 15.1, Form of a Motion to Amend and Its Supporting Documentation
- LR 72.1, United States Magistrate Judges

In order to be assured consideration, comments in writing, which may include recommended changes to the proposed amendments, should be received by the Court no later than November 6, 2026. Comments may be sent to Local_Rules@mied.uscourts.gov or to Local Rules, 539 Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

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

LR 7.1 Motion Practice

(a) Seeking Concurrence in Motions and Requests.

- (1) Before filing a motion relating to discovery, the movant must comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(1). Otherwise, the movant must ascertain before filing whether the contemplated motion or request under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(A) will be opposed. To accomplish this, the movant must confer with the other parties and other persons entitled to be heard on the motion in good faith and in a manner that reasonably explains the basis for the motion and allows for an interactive process aimed at reaching agreement on the matter or those aspects of the matter that can be resolved without court intervention, given the nature of the contemplated motion. The conference must be held sufficiently in advance of filing the motion to allow a good faith interactive exchange aimed at resolving the matter. If the movant obtains concurrence, the parties or other persons involved may make the subject matter of the contemplated motion or request a matter of record by electronically filing a stipulation on the docket or submitting a stipulated order through the Utilities section of ECF under ECF Rule R12(a)(1).

(2) – (3) [Unchanged]

(b) – (j) [Unchanged]

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LR 15.1 Form of a Motion to Amend and Its Supporting Documentation

A party who moves to amend a pleading shall attach the proposed amended pleading to the motion. Any amendment to a pleading, whether filed as a matter of course or upon a motion to amend, must, except by leave of court, reproduce the entire pleading as amended, and may not incorporate any prior pleading by reference. Failure to comply with this Rule ~~is not~~ may be grounds for denial of the motion without prejudice.

LR 72.1: United States Magistrate Judges

(a) – (c) [Unchanged]

(d) Review and Appeal

(1) Objections under Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 must:

(A) specify the part of the order, proposed findings, recommendations, or report to which a person objects; and

(B) state the basis for the objection.

~~(2)~~ (2) The text of objections, including footnotes and signatures, shall not exceed 25 pages.

(3) A person serving objections permitted by Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 must serve them on the magistrate judge and all parties and other persons entitled to be heard on the matter.

~~(3)~~ (4) A person may respond to objections within 14 days of service. The text of a response, including footnotes and signatures, shall not exceed 25 pages.

~~(4)~~ (5) A person may file a reply ~~brief in further support of objections~~ within 7 days of service of a response. The text of a reply, including footnotes and signatures, shall not exceed 7 pages.

~~(5)~~ (6) LR. 71 governs the form of ~~All~~ objections, responses, and replies: shall comply with the requirements of LR 5.1(a)-(d).

COMMENT: 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(4) requires that “Each district court shall establish rules pursuant to which the magistrate judges shall discharge their duties.”

LR 72.1(d) conforms procedures for the filing of objection to a Magistrate judge’s order or report and recommendation to the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 ~~and provides that the form and time limits for the filing of responses to objections are to be governed by LR 7.1.~~

Review of matters referred under LR 72.1 is by the district judge. Review of matters referred under LR 73.1 is in the Court of Appeals.

~~Effective December 1, 2009, the time to file objections under Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 will change from 10 days to 14 days.~~

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