

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

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N O T I C E

TO: THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PRACTICING BAR FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

The Court has considered the recommendation of the Local Rules Advisory Committee that certain Local Rules be amended, and the Clerk issued a Public Notice on July 6, 2015, regarding the proposed amendments. The Court has considered the proposed amendments and the comments received.

Therefore, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana hereby gives public notice that the following amendments to the Local Rules of this Court are adopted, effective August 14, 2015. Unless otherwise indicated, as seen in this notice **redline** text is added and **struck** text is deleted. The proposed amendments are as follows:

A. **N.D. Ind. L.R. 5-1 Electronic Filing **Required**** will be amended as follows:

~~(a) **Electronic Filing Permitted.**~~ Papers ~~may~~ **must** be filed, signed, and verified electronically ~~when authorized~~ **unless excepted** by the court's *CM/ECF Civil and Criminal User Manual*.

~~(b) **Effect of Electronic Filing.**~~ Electronically filed papers are written papers for the purposes of these rules, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Reply to South Bend Office

B. N.D. Ind. L.R. 7-3 Social Security Appeals will be amended as follows:

(a) Answer. The Social Security Administration must respond to a complaint challenging an agency determination about Social Security benefits by filing either a motion to dismiss or the certified administrative record. The certified administrative record serves as the agency's answer to the complaint.

(a)(b) Opening Brief. A person challenging an agency determination regarding entitlement to Social Security benefits must file an opening brief within 42 days after the administrative record is filed.

(b)(c) Response Brief. Any response brief must be filed within 42 days after the opening brief.

(c)(d) Reply Brief. Any reply brief must be filed within 14 days after the response brief.

(d) Page Limitations. ~~Briefs under this rule are subject to the page limitations in N.D. Ind. L.R. 7-1(c).~~

C. Subparagraph (c)(2) of N.D. Ind. L.R. 83-5 Bar Admission will be amended as follows:

(2) Character. An applicant will be admitted to the bar if the court ~~—after being assured by a member or by the report of a committee appointed by the court—~~ is satisfied that the applicant:

(A) has good private and professional character; and

(B) is a member in good standing of the bar in every jurisdiction where the applicant is admitted to practice.