

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of Amending )  
Local Rules )  
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General Order No. 556

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Local Rules are amended as follows:

**A. Civil Local Rule 5.4.**

1. Subsection a: This subsection is amended to add at the end the following language: "Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all attorneys admitted to practice before the Southern District of California must register for Electronic Case Filing."
2. Subsection f: The following new subsection f is added: "**Electronic filing policies and procedures.** The Court's CM/ECF Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual, which may be obtained on the court's website or upon request from the Clerk, sets forth the guidelines parties must follow to file documents electronically. The Court may direct the Clerk to strike from the record any document which fails to comply with the requirements for electronic filing set forth in the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual.

**B. Civil Local Rule 7.1.j.2:**

This rule is amended to state as follows: "Each joinder shall specifically identify the ~~specific defendant(s)~~ party(s) and the particular motion(s) to which the joinder applies."

**C. Civil Local Rule 7.2.**

1. Title: The title of the section is changed to "Stipulations/Joint Motions."
2. Subsections b and c: These subsections are deleted and replaced by the following:
  - b. Any stipulation for which court approval is sought must be filed as a "joint motion." Parties are not required to obtain a hearing date for the motion, and are not required to file a separate points and authorities or declaration unless required by the nature of the motion or requested by the assigned judicial officer.

c. Upon the filing of a joint motion, the filing party must also submit a proposed order to the assigned judicial officer. The proposed order must be a document separate from the joint motion.

**D. Civil Local Rule 33.1.a:**

This rule is amended as follows: “No party shall serve on any other party interrogatories which, including discrete subparts, number more than twenty-five interrogatories without leave of court. ~~Subparts of any interrogatory shall relate directly to the subject matter of the interrogatory.~~ Any party desiring to serve additional interrogatories shall submit to the court a written ~~memorandum~~ *motion* setting forth the proposed additional interrogatories and the reasons establishing good cause for their use.”

**E. Civil Local Rule 58.1:**

This rule is amended to add at the end the following language : “Orders may also be issued as ‘text-only’ entries on the docket, without an attached document. Such orders are official and binding.”

**F. Civil Local Rule 83.3.c.5:**

The third sentence of the second paragraph of this rule is amended as follows: “The application ~~shall~~ *must* state under penalty of perjury (1) the attorney’s ~~residence and office addresses~~ *city and state of residence and office address*” ....

**G. Civil Local Rule 83.3.h:**

This rule is amended throughout to change the term “application” to “motion.”

**H. Patent Local Rule 3.3.b:**

This rule is amended at the second sentence as follows: “If a combination of items of prior art makes a claim obvious, each such combination ~~and the motivation to combine such items~~ must be identified;”

**I. Criminal Local Rule 1.1.c:**

The last sentence of this subsection is amended to delete the reference to the “Rules of Procedure for the Trial of Minor Offenses before the United States Magistrate Judge.”

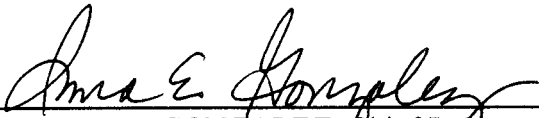
**J. Criminal Local Rule 57.2.c:**

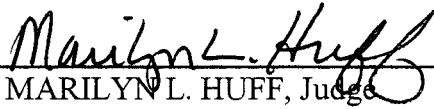
This rule is amended to add at the end the following sentence: “If the earlier action has been concluded, the Clerk shall consult with the Chief Judge before assigning the new case to the judge who presided over the prior action.”

The period for public comment shall be until July 13, 2007. Absent further order of this Court, the effective date of the Rule changes is July 16, 2007. Any comments should be submitted to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, at 880 Front Street, Room 4290, San Diego, California 92101-8900. Please note on the envelope: In re: Amendments to Local Rules.


IT IS SO ORDERED

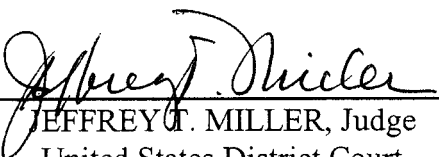
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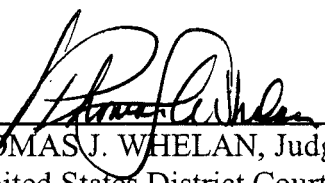
  
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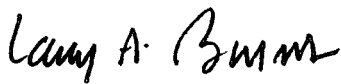
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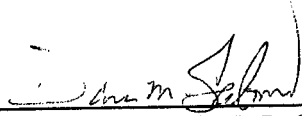
  
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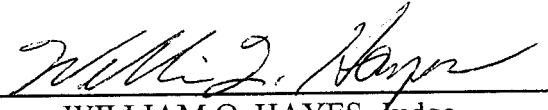
  
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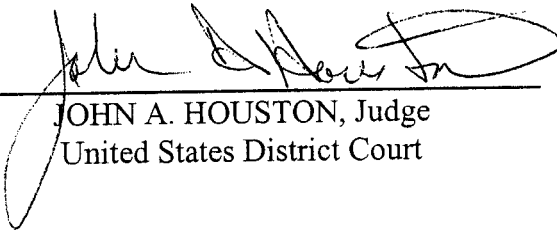
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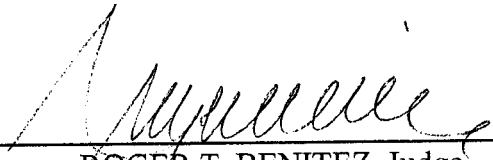
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JOHN A. HOUSTON, Judge  
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ROGER T. BENITEZ, Judge  
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