

*Local Civil Rules -- Northern District of Ohio*

**Rule 10.1 General Format of Papers Presented for Filing**

Attorneys are required to file documents electronically, absent a showing of good cause, unless otherwise excused by the rules, procedures or Orders of the Court, pursuant to LR 5.1. The formatting requirements described below apply to documents presented on paper. Documents that are filed electronically should follow the same formatting provisions, where applicable.

All pleadings, motions, and other documents presented for filing shall be on 8½ x 11 inch white paper of good quality, flat and unfolded and shall be plainly typewritten, printed, or prepared by a clearly legible duplication process and double-spaced except for quoted material. Each page shall be numbered consecutively.

Only the original shall be filed. No duplicate of any document shall be accepted by the Clerk of Court, except upon written order of the Judicial Officer assigned to the case.

In instances wherein documents are being filed in consolidated or related cases, an additional copy shall be filed for each case number stated in the case caption. In the interest of completeness of the case files, the original document shall be placed in the lead case file and copies of the document shall be placed in each consolidated or related case file.

All documents presented for filing or lodging shall be pre-punched with two (2) normal-size holes (approximately 1/4 inch diameter), centered 2 3/4 inches apart, 1/2 to 5/8 inch from the top edge of the document.

The top margin of the first page of each document filed shall be three (3) inches for use by the Clerk to permit space for the file-stamp without stamping over case information. The title of the Court shall be centered below this 3-inch space.

Signatures on all documents submitted to the Court shall include the typewritten name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address and the attorney's Ohio Bar Registration Number, if applicable.

This Rule does not apply to:

(a) Documents filed by pro se litigants, except that the signatures on all documents submitted by pro se litigants must include a typewritten or printed name, address, daytime telephone number, facsimile number and e-mail address, if available, or

(b) Documents filed in removed actions prior to removal from the state courts.