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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
By 
Deputy

Special Order No. 2-80

1. The District Judges of this Court have considered and adopted the attached amendments to the local civil and criminal rules of this Court. These amendments revise LR 83.10 and LCrR 57.10.
2. Unless modified after receipt of public comment, these rules shall take effect on September 4, 2012 and shall apply to all proceedings in civil and criminal actions thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings in civil and criminal actions then pending.
3. Any persons who desire to comment on any of these rules may do so by submitting written comments to:

Clerk of Court
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Attention: 2012 Rules Revision Comments
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1452
Dallas, Texas 75242-1495


The deadline by which the Clerk must receive comments is June 1, 2012.

4. The Clerk of Court is directed to make the necessary distribution.

SO ORDERED.

February 13, 2012.

FOR THE COURT:


SIDNEY A. FITZWATER
CHIEF JUDGE

**2012 PROPOSED
LOCAL RULES AMENDMENTS**

New material in an existing rule is **redlined**, and deleted material is ~~stricken out~~.

LR 83.10 Requirement of Local Counsel.

(a) **Local Counsel Required.** Unless exempted by LR 83.11, local counsel is required in all cases where an attorney appearing in a case does not reside or maintain ~~an~~ **the attorney's principal** office in this district. "Local counsel" means a member of the bar of this court who resides or maintains ~~an~~ **the attorney's principal office in this district and whose residence or principal office is located** within 50 miles of the **courthouse in the** division in which the case is pending. Attorneys desiring to proceed without local counsel must obtain leave from the presiding judge. If the request for leave is denied, written designation of local counsel must be filed within 14 days of the denial.

(b) **Duties of Local Counsel.** Local counsel must be authorized to present and argue a party's position at any hearing called by the presiding judge ~~on short notice~~. Local counsel must also be able to perform, on behalf of the party represented, any other duty required by the presiding judge or the local rules of this court.

LCrR 57.10 Requirement of Local Counsel.

(a) **Local Counsel Required.** Unless exempted by LCrR 57.11, local counsel is required in all cases where an attorney appearing in a case does not reside or maintain ~~an~~ **the attorney's principal** office in this district. "Local counsel" means a member of the bar of this court who resides or maintains ~~an~~ **the attorney's principal office in this district and whose residence or principal office is located** within 50 miles of the **courthouse in the** division in which the case is pending. Attorneys desiring to proceed without local counsel must obtain leave from the presiding judge. If the request for leave is denied, written designation of local counsel must be filed within 14 days of the denial.

(b) **Duties of Local Counsel.** Local counsel must be authorized to present and argue a party's position at any hearing called by the presiding judge ~~on short notice~~. Local counsel must also be able to perform, on behalf of the party represented, any other duty required by the presiding judge or the local criminal rules of this court.