

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO THE BAR

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
THE LOCAL CIVIL RULES

Notice is hereby given to the Bar and all interested parties that the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey proposes to make the following amendments to the Local Civil Rules.

Effective, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, the United States District Court will no longer accept documents in civil cases in paper format for filing under seal. On or after that date, any such documents must be submitted electronically and must be submitted in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5.3.

Please note that, unless otherwise provided by federal law, nothing may be filed under seal unless an existing order so provides or 5.3(c)(3) is complied with. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LOCAL CIVIL RULE 5.3 MAY RESULT IN A WAIVER OF ANY OTHERWISE VALID BASIS FOR SEALING AND MAY RESULT IN THE DOCUMENT IN ISSUE BECOMING PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE. Also, please note that any properly sealed document will, absent further order, be available to all other counsel of record in the particular civil action.

FOR THE COURT  
John W. Bissell  
Chief Judge