

**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 amend the Local Civil Rules. The proposed amendments are posted for public comment as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b) at <http://www.njd.uscourts.gov>. New text underlined.

Civ. RULE 26.1 DISCOVERY

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(b) Meeting of Parties, Discovery Plans, and Initial Disclosures

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(2) The initial meeting of parties as required in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) shall be convened at least 21 days before the initial scheduling conference, and the proposed discovery plan under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3) shall be generated at that meeting and delivered to the Magistrate Judge within 14 days after the meeting of parties. . . .

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Such discovery plans and disclosures shall not be filed with the Clerk, unless otherwise directed by the Magistrate Judge.

Civ. RULE 40.1 ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

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(c) Related Cases. When a civil action, whether filed by counsel or a pro se party: (1) relates to any property included in a case already or previously pending in this Court; (2) grows out of the same transaction as any case already or previously pending in this Court; or (3) involves the validity or infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark which is involved in a case already or previously pending in this Court, counsel or the pro se party shall at the time of filing the action inform the Clerk of such fact. Whenever possible, such action shall be assigned to the same Judge to whom the pending or previously related action is or was assigned. ~~A subsequent case or application filed by a pro se plaintiff shall, where feasible and within the appropriate vicinage, be assigned to the Judge to whom the first prior case or application of the plaintiff was assigned.~~

Comments must be received by the Clerk of the Court by December 2, 2022 and should be addressed to:

William T. Walsh, Clerk of Court
United States District Court
Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse
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Newark, NJ 07101

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Date:

For the Court

FREDA L. WOLFSON
Chief Judge