

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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IN RE: Amendment of Local Civil :
Rules : ORDER

AT 8:30M
WILLIAM T. WALSH
CLERK

The Court being vested with authority pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to make and amend local rules; the proposed amendments to the Local Civil Rules having been submitted to the public for comment; no comments having been received; and the proposed amendments having been approved by the Board of Judges;

IT IS, on this 23rd day of April 2024, ORDERED that the Local Civil Rules are amended to read:

Civ. RULE 5.1 SERVICE AND FILING OF PLEADINGS AND OTHER PAPERS

(e) Parties shall furnish to the Clerk forthwith all necessary copies of any pleading, judgment or order, or other matter of record in a cause, so as to permit the Clerk to comply with the provisions of any statute or rule. Plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, upon filing a complaint, and defendant or defendant's attorney, upon filing a notice of removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, shall simultaneously file with the Clerk a completed civil cover sheet in addition to any documents required to be filed under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Civil Rules and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).

Civ. RULE 26.1 DISCOVERY

(c) Discovery Materials

(1) Initial and expert disclosure materials under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) and 26(a)(2), transcripts of depositions, interrogatories and answers thereto, requests for production of documents or to permit entry onto land and responses thereto, and requests for admissions and answers thereto shall not be filed until used in a proceeding or upon order

of the Court. However, all such papers must be served on other counsel or parties entitled thereto under Fed. R. Civ. P. 5 and 26(a)(4).

(2) Pretrial disclosure materials under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) shall be incorporated by reference into the order entered after any final pretrial conference under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(d).

(3) The party obtaining any material through discovery is responsible for its preservation and delivery to the Court if needed or ordered. It shall be the duty of the party taking a deposition to make certain that the officer before whom it was taken has delivered it to that party for preservation and to the Court as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(f)(1) if needed or so ordered.

Civ. RULE 33.1 INTERROGATORIES

(a) Interrogatories shall be listed in consecutive order. The party answering interrogatories shall repeat each question, including subparts, in full immediately prior to each corresponding answer. Upon request, interrogatories shall be provided in electronic word processing format for ease of answering if technologically feasible.

Civ. RULE 36.1 REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION

(a) Requests for admission shall be listed in consecutive order. The party answering the requests for admission shall repeat each request for admission in full, which shall be followed by the party's answer to each request.

Civ. RULE 65.1 APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

(b) Applications for orders to show cause, and for consent and *ex parte* orders, shall be filed with the Clerk, who shall promptly deliver each application to the District Judge to whom the case has been assigned.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments are effective immediately.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renée Marie Bumb", written over a horizontal line.

Renée Marie Bumb

Chief U.S. District Judge