



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Northern District of Mississippi
Office of the Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Local Civil Rules Advisory Committee for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi has proposed the following amendments to the Local Uniform Civil Rules. Attorney and members of the public are invited to submit comments thereon in accordance with Rule 83(a)(1) of the FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. Comments should be submitted in writing (by email or U. S. Mail) and must be received no later than 5:00 pm Friday, August 30, 2024. Comments should be submitted to the clerks of either (or both) courts, as follows:

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The proposed amendments are noted as follows:

2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL CIVIL RULES

RULE 52. ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS

Add new subsection (c), as follows:

- (c) **Out of District Transfers.** An order that transfers a civil case, including a civil miscellaneous matter, to a district court outside the Fifth Circuit is automatically stayed for 14 days from the date the order is entered on the docket, unless the court orders otherwise.

In addition, numerous technical corrections have been proposed, the bulk of which focus on capitalization; expressing numbers (text vs numeral); substitution of “curly style” quotation marks and apostrophes; omitting periods in headings not followed by text; and inserting Oxford commas where lacking. These technical corrections may be found on the courts’ websites and are reflecting in the redline version posted thereon. They may also be found on the court’s website:

<https://www.msnd.uscourts.gov/news/2024-local-civil-rules-amendments-redlined>

They are all in conformity with the rules found in Bryan A. Garner’s *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style* (4th ed. 2018) and include:

- (a) Using the serial comma (commonly referred to as the Oxford comma) throughout.
- (b) Using a period after a heading only if the heading is run in with text or is a complete sentence.
- (c) Using lowercase unless a rule calls for capitalization (e.g., lowercase case management order and case management conference).
- (d) Capitalizing up-style headings but not certain words.
- (e) Spelling out the numbers one through ten but using numerals for 11 and above. However, a numeral-only policy is warranted when emphasizing time limits (e.g., “must be filed within 7 days” instead of “must be filed within seven days”) so they are more immediately noticeable.
- (f) Not using word-numeral doubling, as by writing “thirty (30) days.”

NOTE: The substantive and technical corrections amendments noted above and in the redlined version have been approved by the Board of Judges of both districts, subject to public comments until August 30, 2024.