

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

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ORDER ADOPTING LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas hereby adopts the "Local Rules of Practice before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas" as attached hereto as of the effective date set forth in Local Rule 1.6(a) therein.

Copies of the Local Rules shall be made available without charge by the Clerk of the District Court to any attorneys or litigants who request them.

It is so ORDERED.

Signed this 15 day of December, 1977.

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ORDER REVISING LOCAL RULES

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas hereby revises the "Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas" which became effective March 1, 1978 and as amended by subsequent miscellaneous orders. These rules as attached shall become effective as set forth in Local Rule 1.7 therein.

Copies of the Local Rules shall be made available without charge by the Clerk of the District Court to any attorneys or litigants who request them.

It is so ORDERED.

Signed this 16 day of May, 1985.

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Rule 1.1: Scope of the Rules; Power of a Presiding Judge

These local rules shall govern all civil and criminal proceedings before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and all proceedings before Bankruptcy Judges and United States Magistrates in this district, to the extent they are consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure and applicable statutes. However, notwithstanding these rules, a Presiding Judge may direct the parties to proceed in any manner that he deems just and expeditious in a particular case.

Rule 1.2: Definitions

(a) "Judge" and "Presiding Judge." The word "Judge" includes not only United States District Judges, but also United States Magistrates and Bankruptcy Judges, unless the context indicates a contrary intention. "Presiding Judge" means the Judge to whom the case is assigned.

(b) "Court." The word "Court" means the Judge presiding over a particular case, unless the context indicates a contrary intention.

(c) "Attorney" and "Counsel." The words "attorney" and "counsel" mean: (i) an individual licensed as an attorney by the highest Court of any state or of the District of Columbia, who is representing a party to a particular lawsuit; and (ii) a party to the lawsuit who is proceeding *pro se*. A party appearing without counsel in a civil suit shall be presumed to be proceeding *pro se*.

(d) "Clerk." The word "Clerk" shall mean the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas and, unless the context indicates a contrary intention, the Clerk's office in the appropriate Division of this Court. (Appendix III. See also United States Court Directory.)

Rule 1.3: United States Magistrates

The United States Magistrates of the Northern District of Texas shall have the powers granted by the current Order for the Adoption of Rules for the Exercise of Powers and Performance of Duties by United States Magistrates (Misc. Order No. 6). (See Appendix V.)