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**June 4, 2020**

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

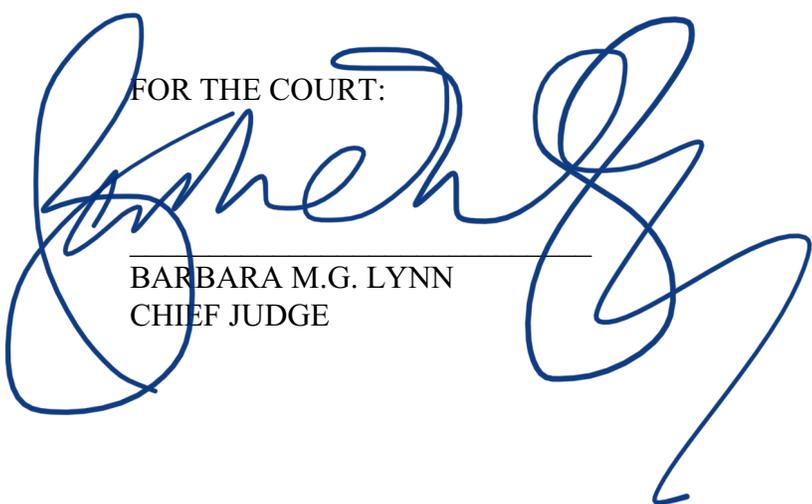
**Special Order No. 2-91**

1. By Special Order No. 2-90, the District Judges of this Court revised LR 7.1, LR 7.2(c), and LR 79.3(b); repealed LCrR 49.5(a) and (b); and revised LCrR 55.3(b).
2. Following receipt of public comment, the Court has determined to revise LR 7.1, LR 7.2(c), and LR 79.3(b); repeal LCrR 49.5(a) and (b); and revise LCrR 55.3(b), as set forth in the attachment to Special Order No. 2-90.
3. Amended local civil rules LR 7.1, LR 7.2(c), and LR 79.3(b) and amended local criminal rule LCrR 55.3(b) take effect on September 1, 2020 and apply to all proceedings in civil and criminal actions thereafter commenced and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings in civil and criminal actions then pending.
4. The Clerk of Court is directed to make the necessary distribution.

**SO ORDERED.**

June 3, 2020

FOR THE COURT:

  
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BARBARA M.G. LYNN  
CHIEF JUDGE

## LOCAL RULES AMENDMENTS

Effective September 1, 2020

New material in an existing rule is **redlined**. Deleted material is ~~stricken out~~. A repealed rule is designated “[REPEALED].”

### Local Civil Rules

#### **LR 7.1 Motion Practice.**

Unless **specifically controlled by another local civil rule or** otherwise directed by the presiding judge, motion practice is controlled by subsection (h) of this rule. In addition, the parties must comply with the following:

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#### **LR 7.2 Briefs.**

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(c) **Length.** Unless another local civil rule provides otherwise, a brief must not exceed 25 pages (excluding the table of contents and table of authorities). A reply brief must not exceed 10 pages. Permission to file a brief in excess of these page limitations will be granted by the presiding judge only for extraordinary and compelling reasons.

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**LR 79.3      Sealed Documents.**

(a) A party may file under seal any document that a statute or rule requires or permits to be so filed. The term “document,” as used in this rule, means any pleading, motion, other paper, or physical item that the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure permit or require to be filed.

(b) If no statute or rule requires or permits a document to be filed under seal, a party may file a document under seal only on motion and by permission of the presiding judge.

~~(1) — When a party files on paper a motion for leave to file a document under seal, the clerk must file the motion under seal. The party must attach as an exhibit to the motion a copy of the document to be filed under seal. The party must also submit with the motion the original and a judge’s copy of the document to be filed under seal. The original of the document must neither be physically attached to the motion nor made an exhibit to the motion. If leave to file the document under seal is granted, the clerk must file the original of the document under seal.~~

(c) ~~(2)~~ When a party files by electronic means a motion for leave to file a document under seal, the party may file the motion under seal and must attach the proposed sealed document as an exhibit. If leave is granted, the sealed document will be

deemed filed as of the date of the order granting leave, or as otherwise specified by the presiding judge, and the clerk will file a copy of the sealed document.

Local Criminal Rules

**LCrR 49.5 Electronic Signature. [REPEALED]**

- (a) What Constitutes Electronic Signature.** The signature of an attorney who submits a pleading, motion, or other paper for filing by electronic means is the login and password issued to the attorney by the clerk.
  
- (b) Requirements for Electronic Signature.** An attorney who submits a document for filing by electronic means must place on the document an “s/” and the typed named of the attorney, or a graphical signature, in the space where the attorney’s signature would have appeared had the document been submitted on paper.

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**LCrR 55.3 Sealed Documents.**

- (a)** A party may file under seal any document that a statute or rule requires or permits to be so filed. The term “document,” as used in this rule, means any pleading, motion, other paper, or physical item that the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure permit or

require to be filed.

- (b) If no statute or rule requires or permits a document to be filed under seal, a party may file a document under seal only on motion and by permission of the presiding judge.

~~(1) When a party files on paper a motion for leave to file a document under seal, the clerk must file the motion under seal. The party must attach as an exhibit to the motion a copy of the document to be filed under seal. The party must also submit with the motion the original and a judge's copy of the document to be filed under seal. The original of the document must neither be physically attached to the motion nor made an exhibit to the motion. If leave to file the document under seal is granted, the clerk must file the original of the document under seal.~~

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