



NOTICE OF REVISIONS TO LOCAL RULES

The District of Vermont announces revisions to our Local Rules of Procedure effective December 1, 2022. The revised rules were recently approved by the Second Circuit Judicial Council following a thirty-day public commentary period.

The purpose of the amendment is to conform our district's Local Rules with the new revisions to the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure that went into effect on December 1, 2022. This latest revision promulgates the following changes (new matter is underlined in red text; matter that was stricken is crossed out in red text):

Rule 7.1. Corporate Disclosure; Purpose.

(a) Corporate Disclosure. In addition to the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1, a non-governmental corporate party or a non-governmental party that seeks to intervene must file a statement identifying:

- (1) any subsidiary (except wholly-owned subsidiaries); and
- (2) any affiliate that has issued shares of ownership to the public.

Rule 9. Pleading Social Security Cases; Bankruptcy Appeals.

(a) Social Security Cases. The following procedures govern all actions challenging a final decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration filed under the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405.

(1) Time for Filing Answer. Within 60 days after ~~service of the complaint~~ notice of the action is given under Rule 3, the Commissioner must serve and file:

- (A) an answer, which may be limited to a certified copy of the administrative record (and may be filed in electronic form), and to any affirmative defenses under Civil Rule 8(c). Civil Rule 8(b) does not apply.; and
- ~~(B) a certified copy of the administrative record, which may be in electronic form.~~

(2) Motion for Order Reversing the Commissioner's Decision. Within ~~60~~ 30 days after the Commissioner files an answer, the plaintiff must serve and file:

- (A) a Motion for Order Reversing the Commissioner's Decision or for other relief; and
- (B) a supporting memorandum.

(3) Motion for Order Affirming the Commissioner's Decision. Within ~~60~~ **30** days after the plaintiff files the Motion for Order Reversing the Commissioner's Decision, the Commissioner must serve and file:

- (A)** a Motion for Order Affirming the Decision of the Commissioner or for other relief; and
- (B)** a supporting memorandum.

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