

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**Eastern and Southern Districts Propose Revision to Civil Local Rules,  
Invite Public Comment**

The United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York have adopted revisions to the Local Civil Rules and invite public comment.

The Joint SDNY – EDNY Local Rules Committee proposes the following three amendments to the Local Civil Rules:

1. Local Rule 7.1(c)

Unless otherwise ordered by the District Judge to whom the appeal is assigned, appellate briefs on bankruptcy appeals shall comply with the briefing format and length specifications set forth in Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 8015 to 8017.

This replaces the prior guidelines of appellate briefs on bankruptcy appeals not exceeding 25 pages and 10 pages for reply briefs.

2. Local Rule 23.1 & 23.1.1

The proposal is to add the words “class action” to existing Local Rule 23.1.1 and renumber it as LR 23.1.

3. Local Rule 26.5

Attorneys using form discovery requests shall review them to ascertain that they are consistent with the scope of discovery under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1). Non-compliant requests shall not be used.

This replaces the previous guideline stating attorneys using form discovery requests shall review them to ascertain that they are relevant to the subject matter involved in the particular case and that those not relevant to the subject matter shall not be used.

The complete revisions can be found at the court's website at <http://www.nyed.uscourts.gov>.

Prior to the revised rules taking effect, the public is invited to comment. Comments are to be submitted in writing on or at the close of business on July 28, 2016 to:

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The revisions will become effective upon approval by the Second Circuit Judicial Council.