

**United States District Court
District of North Dakota**

The United States District Court for the District of North Dakota has amended its Local Rules and Administrative Policy Governing Electronic Filing and Service. The amendments took effect December 1, 2018. A summary of the changes can be found beginning on the next page.

[Local Rules](#)

[Administrative Policy Governing Electronic Filing and Service](#)

Summary of 2018 Proposed Rule Changes	
General Rules	
1.3 Attorneys	<p>Throughout: Removed references to “petition” or “petitioning” and changed to “application” or “applying.”</p> <p>(D) Deleted provision allowing federal government attorneys to appear PHV.</p> <p>Removed references to “filing a motion” and replaced with references to detailed instructions available on the Court’s website.</p>
1.11 Bonds	<p>Throughout: Removed the word “surety” and replaced with “security provider” to conform to proposed Fed. R. Civ. P 65.1</p> <p>Throughout: Added the phrase “or other security” after the word “bond” to conform to proposed Fed. R. Civ. P. 62. Subsection D regarding cash bonds and personal property was not modified.</p>
Civil Rules	
5.1 Files and Filing	<p>(A) Removed language duplicative of proposed Fed. R. Civ. P 5(d)(3)(A) and (D)</p> <p>(B)(4) Clarified that filings by <i>pro se</i> individuals must have an original signature.</p> <p>(E) Deleted as duplicative of proposed Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B)</p>
37.1 Civil Discovery Motions	(C) Deleted as unnecessary in light of subsection B setting forth the obligation to confer with a Magistrate Judge
72.1 United States Magistrate Judges	<p>(D)(2) Added response time and brief length for responses to appeals from non-dispositive orders</p> <p>(D)(3) Added reference for time to file a response to an objection to a Report and Recommendation as prescribed in current Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2).</p>
Criminal Rules	
49.1 Files and Filing	(A) Removed language duplicative of proposed Fed. R.

	<p>Crim. P. 49(b)(3)(A) and 49(b)(2)(A).</p> <p>(B)(4) Clarified that filings by <i>pro se</i> individuals must have an original signature.</p> <p>(E) Deleted as duplicative of proposed Fed. R. Crim. P. 49(b)(1)</p>
59.1 United States Magistrate Judges	<p>(B)(9) Removed due to the interpretation that it suggests a Magistrate Judge can review the decision of the Magistrate Judge in the district of first appearance.</p> <p>(D)(2) Added response time and brief length for responses to appeals from non-dispositive orders.</p>
Appendix	
Deadlines	Added deadline for Response to an Appeal of a Magistrate Judge Decision of a non-dispositive matter
Page Limitations	Added page limitations for a Response to an Appeal of a Magistrate Judge Decision of a non-dispositive matter.