

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

GENERAL ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULES

It is hereby ORDERED that the following amendments to the Local Rules, having been approved by the judges of this court, are adopted for implementation subject to a reasonable period for public notice and comment to be determined by the clerk.¹ See 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b).

1. LOCAL RULE CV-62 Stay of Proceedings to Enforce a Judgment

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(c) **Electronic Filing Requirement for Bonds.** When a bond is posted for any reason, it must be electronically filed in the case by the posting party. The paper original of the bond shall be retained by the posting party unless otherwise directed by the court.

Comment: New section (c) effects a policy of requiring parties to e-file bonds of any kind on the docket. Paper originals are to remain in the possession of the posting party unless directed otherwise.

2. LOCAL RULE AT-1 Admission to Practice

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(d) An attorney who is not admitted to practice before this court may appear for or represent a party in any case in this court only upon an approved application to appear *pro hac vice*. When an attorney who is not a member of the bar of this court appears in any case before this court, he or she shall first submit electronically an application to appear *pro hac vice* ~~to~~ with the clerk of court. The applicant must read and comply with Local Rule AT-3, the “Standards of Practice to Be Observed by Attorneys,” and the local rules of this court. The application shall be made using the form that appears as Appendix K to the local rules and must be signed by the applicant personally. See Local Rule CV-5(a)(5). Detailed instructions on how to e-file the application appear on the court’s website, located at www.txed.uscourts.gov. Such application also shall be accompanied by a \$100.00 local fee, which must be paid electronically. Any attachments to *pro hac vice* applications will be handled as electronic sealed documents by the clerk’s office. The application shall be acted upon with dispatch by the clerk on the court’s behalf. The clerk shall notify the applicant as soon as possible after the application is acted upon.

¹New language appears in redlined, underlined text; deleted language appears in ~~strikeout~~ text.

Comment: New section (d) requires pro hac vice applications to be submitted electronically, and the \$100 fee paid electronically. These changes make the processing of such applications faster and better for both the filing attorneys and the court.

Signed this 11th day of October, 2012.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leonard Davis', written over a horizontal line.

LEONARD DAVIS
Chief Judge