

## **Amend Local Rule 16.7.2**

The section of LR16.7.2 now reads:

### **16.7.2 Response:**

The Notice shall be served with the complaint and summons or included in the materials giving notice of the suit and requesting waiver of service. Counsel for each represented party shall ensure that the notice is filled out, signed by the party, and returned to the Clerk's office for filing. The plaintiff shall return the form within fifteen days after filing the complaint. The defendant shall return the form along with the answer or other responsive pleading. The Clerk shall have the authority to grant extensions of time of up to 10 business days to return the completed form.

The rule is amended to read:

### **16.7.2 Response:**

The Notice [Litigants' Bill of Rights] shall be served with the complaint and summons or included in the materials giving notice of the suit and requesting waiver of service. Counsel for each represented party shall ensure that the notice is filled out, signed by the party, and returned to the Clerk's office for filing. The plaintiff shall return the form within fourteen (14) days after filing the complaint. The defendant shall return the form along with the answer or other responsive pleading. The Clerk shall have the authority to grant extensions of time of up to fourteen (14) days to return the completed form.

All other sentences of the rules will remain unchanged. Change is in effect December 1, 2009.

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## **Amend Local Rule 16.7.6**

The section of LR16.7.6 now reads:

### **16.7.6 Procedures for Mediation**

- (b) Submission of Position Papers to Mediator. No later than five (5) business days before the scheduled date of the mediation conference, any party may submit a confidential position paper to the mediator. The position paper shall be limited in length to five (5) pages, double-spaced, and may be accompanied by up to five (5) pages of exhibits. Position papers are confidential, shall be held so by the mediator, and need not be served on other parties. The purpose of these submissions is to help the mediator become familiar with the assertions of the parties, and the parties may agree to the submission of additional information if they believe the information will facilitate the mediated settlement conference.

The rule is amended to read:

**16.7.6 Procedures for Mediation**

- (b) **Submission of Position Papers to Mediator.** No later than seven (7) days before the scheduled date of the mediation conference, any party may submit a confidential position paper to the mediator. The position paper shall be limited in length to five (5) pages, double-spaced, and may be accompanied by up to five (5) pages of exhibits. Position papers are confidential, shall be held so by the mediator, and need not be served on other parties. The purpose of these submissions is to help the mediator become familiar with the assertions of the parties, and the parties may agree to the submission of additional information if they believe the information will facilitate the mediated settlement conference.

All other sentences of the rules will remain unchanged. Change is in effect December 1, 2009.

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