



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Southern District of Indiana

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NOTICE

TO: THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PRACTICING BAR FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e) and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana hereby gives public notice of the following:

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana has determined there is an immediate need to adopt new **Local Civil Rule 5.1-2 - Actions Seeking Nationwide or Statewide Relief**. The new rule as detailed below is effective as of April 15, 2024.

Local Rule 5.1-2 - Actions Seeking Nationwide or Statewide Relief

(a) Applicability. This Rule applies to any civil action filed by a party seeking to:

(1) bar or mandate statewide enforcement of a state law, including a rule, regulation, policy, or order of the executive branch or a state agency, whether by declaratory judgment and/or any form of injunctive relief; or

(2) bar or mandate nationwide enforcement of a federal law, including a rule, regulation, policy, or order of the executive branch or a state agency, whether by declaratory judgment and/or any form of injunctive relief.

(b) Civil Cover Sheet. The party filing the case initiating document must include the following language in section VI. CAUSE OF ACTION on the JS-44 (Civil Cover Sheet):

"Seeking to [bar or mandate] [statewide or nationwide] enforcement of a [state or federal] law"

(c) Caption. The caption of any complaint or amended complaint for any case filed pursuant to subdivision (a) must include the following language immediately below the case number:

[NATIONWIDE] [STATEWIDE] RELIEF SOUGHT

Note: Added April 15, 2024, to implement Judicial Conference policy recommending that cases seeking nationwide or statewide relief be assigned on a district-wide basis.

The District Court has also authorized release for a period of **public comment through May 15, 2024**, this new Local Civil Rule 5.1-2. Comments concerning the amendment are welcome and should be submitted in writing or via email on or before **May 15, 2024**. Please send comments to:

Local Rule Comments
Office of the Clerk
105 U.S. Courthouse
46 East Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
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