

## **Local Rule 81-1 – Notice of Removal and Response in Diversity Cases**

**(a) Notice Requirement.** Every notice of removal based, in part or in whole, on diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) must include:

(1) a statement that the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs at issue satisfies the jurisdictional amount requirement; and

(2) a listing of the citizenship of each party.

**(b) Response.** Within 30 days after the filing of the notice of removal, every plaintiff who has not filed a motion to remand must file a statement responding to the notice of removal's allegations as to the citizenship of the parties and the amount in controversy. If the plaintiff lacks sufficient information upon which to form a belief about those allegations despite meeting and conferring in good faith with the removing party about them, the plaintiff may so state.

**(c) Burden of Proof.** Nothing in this rule alters the burden of proof with respect to jurisdictional allegations.