UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, public notice is hereby given of a proposed amendment to the Local Rules for the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana. **Local Rule 3.2** has been redone in its entirety as follows:

LR3.2 Suits Filed By Unrepresented Prisoners Regarding Civil Rights or for Writs of Habeas Corpus

Civil Rights Complaints

Original Complaint regarding Civil Rights:

Every complaint filed by a prisoner who is pro se (not represented by an attorney) complaining of violation of their constitutional rights by a state or federal official shall be typed or legibly written on forms supplied by the court and signed by the prisoner. The prisoner shall follow the instructions provided with the forms and complete the forms using only one side of the page.

After completely filling out the form, the prisoner may attach additional pages containing additional information. However, the number of attached pages is limited to no more than five typewritten or ten legible handwritten pages. The pages shall be written or typed on one side of the page only and shall contain numbered paragraphs which correspond to the numbered paragraphs on the form. Complaints that do not comply with this rule and which are not corrected after notice may be stricken by the court.

Amendment to a Civil Rights Claim:

A prisoner may file an amendment to a civil rights complaint only one time without obtaining leave of court. The amendment may be stated on the forms for original complaints supplied by the court and must be clearly labeled as an amendment. The pages shall be written or typed on one side of the page only and shall contain numbered paragraphs which correspond to the paragraph numbers on the original complaint form. A motion for leave to file a second or subsequent amendment must be accompanied by the proposed amendment.

Separate Complaints regarding Civil Rights:

Each pro se prisoner shall file a separate complaint alleging a violation of their civil rights.

In Forma Pauperis Status:

A prisoner who is unable to pay the filing fee and service costs may petition the court on forms supplied by the court to proceed in forma pauperis. The court, after notice, may strike all complaints that are not accompanied by either a filing fee or a proper *in forma pauperis* form.

Consent to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction:

The election regarding consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction required by LR73.2 shall be attached to the civil rights petition at the time it is filed.

Writs of Habeas Corpus

Original Petition Writs of Habeas Corpus:

Every original Petition filed by a prisoner who is proceeding pro se (not represented by an attorney) seeking a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. §2241 or 28 U.S.C. §2254 or §2255 shall be typed or legibly written on forms supplied by the court and signed by the prisoner. The prisoner shall follow the instructions provided with the forms and complete the forms using only one side of the page. After completely filling out the court approved form, the prisoner may attach additional pages containing additional information.

Amendment to a Writ of Habeas Corpus:

A prisoner may file an amendment to a habeas petition only one time without first obtaining leave of court. The amendment may be stated on the forms for original complaints supplied by the court if clearly labeled as an amendment. The pages shall be written or typed on one side of the page only and shall contain numbered paragraphs which correspond to the paragraph numbers on the original petition. A motion for leave to file a second or subsequent amendment must be accompanied by the proposed amendment.

Separate Complaints regarding a Writ of Habeas Corpus:

Each pro se prisoner shall file a separate petition for writ of habeas corpus.

In Forma Pauperis Status:

A prisoner who is unable to pay the filing fee and service costs may petition the court on forms supplied by the court to proceed in forma pauperis. The court, after notice, may strike all petitions that are not accompanied by either a filing fee or a proper *in forma pauperis* form.

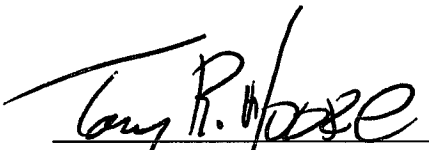
Consent to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction:

The election regarding consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction required by LR73.2 shall be

attached to the habeas corpus petition at the time it is filed.

Comments may be made in writing to the Clerk of Court, Tony R. Moore, 800 Lafayette Street, Suite 2100, Lafayette, LA 70501, before **October 12, 2013.** You may access this notice at the court's website **(www.lawd.uscourts.gov).**

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 13th day of September, 2013.



TONY R. MOORE
CLERK OF COURT