

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULES

Appropriate public notice and an opportunity to comment having been given pursuant to Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and, pursuant to the majority vote of the active judges of this court,

IT IS ORDERED that the Local Rules for the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, are amended as follows:

LR7.6 Motions to Intervene, to Amend Pleadings, to File Third-Party Complaints and for Joinder in Actions Removed from State Court

Any motion for leave to amend a pleading, intervene, or file a third-party complaint must be accompanied by a proposed order and contain a statement by the moving party (1) that the party has presented the proposed amendment or pleading to all parties who have an interest to oppose and (2) whether any party opposes the granting of the motion. The court may impose proper sanctions on a party or counsel who oppose such a motion without a good faith reason.

If no opposition is noted, the motion will be referred to the appropriate judge for consideration. If opposition is noted, the opposing party will be allowed an opportunity to file a memorandum in opposition or otherwise be heard before the motion is considered by the court. The proposed pleading for which leave to file is sought must be attached to the motion for leave, and if leave is granted, the proposed pleading is deemed filed without the necessity of any further order of the court.

If a motion for leave to amend proposes to add a party that may destroy diversity of citizenship in a case that was removed from state court based on diversity jurisdiction, the movant must notify the court of the issue and file a memorandum that sets forth facts relevant to the determination that will have to be made under 28 U.S.C. § 1447(e).

Monroe, Louisiana, this 16th day of July, 2012.



ROBERT G. JAMES, CHIEF JUDGE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA