

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO UNIFORM LOCAL RULES

Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Public Notice is hereby given of the proposed amendments to the Uniform Local Rules of the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana.

LR 83.2.3E, Procedure for Admission, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

Local Rule 83.2.3.E Procedure for Admission

- C. If a personal appearance would present an undue hardship for the applicant or the applicant resides outside the boundaries of this district, upon written request and for good cause shown, the Court may grant the applicant's request for admission by mail without the necessity of a personal appearance. In such instance, the applicant shall take a written oath, on a form prescribed by the Clerk, to conduct himself or herself as an attorney or counselor of this Court uprightly and according to law and to support the Constitution of the United States, and submit this written oath with any fee required by law and any other fee required by the court. At the attorney's first physical appearance before the court, he/she shall sign the roll of attorneys in the Clerk's office.

LR 78.1E, Motion Days is amended to read as follows, with the new language underlined and the old language lined through:

Local Rule 78.1E Motion Days

Wednesday of each week, or such other day as the court may designate from time to time by order, is motion day. On this day priority will be given to the presentation of motions. Unless or until amendment of this rule by the court to provide otherwise, motions will be heard in the various sections of court on alternate Wednesdays. Motion days will be arranged so that approximately half of the sections will hear motions on any given Wednesday. Motions may also be designated for hearing at some other time by order of the individual judge to whom the action is allotted. On motion day, the court also considers reviews from magistrate judges' rulings, contradictory motions requiring action by the court after hearing and other matters required by law or court order to be heard and determined summarily.

Any party desiring oral argument must either file contemporaneously with the filing of the motion or opposition memorandum to a motion or within three days after receipt of the opposition memorandum to a motion, a separate statement setting forth the reasons why oral argument should be heard written request for oral argument. ~~Notwithstanding the filing of a statement regarding oral argument, oral argument on motions will be~~

~~allowed only when a judge of a section of this court, on or before the Monday the motion is set to be heard or decided, notifies the parties involved that he or she desires oral argument. Except as set out heretofore, all other motions will be decided by the court on the basis of the record, including timely filed briefs and any supporting or opposing documents filed therewith. Oral argument will be permitted in such cases without further order of the Court, unless the Court advises the parties, as soon as practicable, that oral argument is not necessary.~~

Comments may be made in writing addressed to the Clerk of Court before August 8, 2003.

July 7, 2003

Loretta G. Whyte, Clerk