

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:)
AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL CIVIL RULES) No. 08-094
8.1 and 8.2)
_____)

By administrative order entered May 13, 2008, the court published for comment proposed amendments to Local Civil Rules 8.1 and 8.2. The court received twenty comments from attorneys to the proposed amendments. At a judges' meeting conducted on June 20, 2008, the court reviewed all comments received. By unanimous vote, the court adopted the proposed rule amendments, with certain modifications made in response to public comments. Accordingly:

IT IS ORDERED that the attached amendments to Local Civil Rules 8.1 and 8.2 be and they hereby are ADOPTED. The Local Rules of this court are amended accordingly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing rule amendments shall take effect on **July 1, 2008**, and shall govern all applicable proceedings in cases filed or pending in this court on or after the effective date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall provide a copy of this order and the amended rules to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Judicial Conference of the Sixth Circuit, and all attorneys registered for electronic service on the CM/ECF system.

Dated: June 30, 2008

FOR THE COURT:



Robert Holmes Bell
Chief Judge

Civil Rule 8

Local Civil Rule 8.1 Complaints in Social Security Cases

Complaints filed pursuant to § 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), for benefits under Titles II, XVI and XVII of the Social Security Act shall contain, in addition to what is required under Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the following information: (1) the type of benefit claimed, for example, disability, retirement, survivor, health insurance, supplemental security income; (2) in cases involving claims for retirement, survivors, disability, or health insurance, the last four digits of the social security number of the worker (who may or may not be the plaintiff) on whose wage record the application for benefits was filed; and (3) in cases involving claims for supplemental security income benefits, the social security number of the plaintiff.

Local Civil Rule 8.2 Answers and Replies

Except in cases brought by a *pro se* plaintiff, a responsive pleading under Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(b) shall recite verbatim that paragraph of the pleading, or amended pleading, to which it is responsive, followed by the response. Upon request, an attorney must provide to opposing counsel a copy of the complaint or other pleading to which a response is due, in native word-processing format, so that opposing counsel may comply with this rule.