



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

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NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, the Clerk of the Court hereby gives notice of and an opportunity for comment regarding the Court's proposal to amend the Eastern District of Tennessee Electronic Case Filing Rule 6 (Signatures). Additions are underlined and deletions are struck through.

Use of the login and password issued to a Filing User to effect the electronic filing of a document shall serve as the Filing User's signature on that document for all purposes, including those of *Fed. R. Civ. P. 11* and *Fed. R. Crim. P. 49(b)(4)*.

Electronically filed documents shall set forth the Filing User's name, address, e-mail address, telephone number and Board of Professional Responsibility registration number. In addition, in the space where the attorney's signature would normally appear, the Filing User's name shall be typed preceded by the symbol "s/" or a scanned image of the Filing User's name shall be inserted.

A document containing the signature of a defendant in a criminal case may, at the option of the presiding judge, be filed: (1) in paper form with an original written signature; or (2) in electronic form as a scanned image of the document containing an image of the defendant's signature.

In order to file a document required to contain the signature of more than one person, the Filing User shall: (1) file a scanned image of the document containing all necessary signatures; (2) file the document without the requisite signatures but with a representation by the Filing User that all signatories have consented to the filing of the document; or (3) file the document in any other manner approved by the Court.

Documents requiring an original signature other than that of the Filing User (e.g., affidavits and declarations) shall be filed by transmitting a scanned image of the document to the Electronic Filing System in PDF format.

A non-filing signatory or party who disputes the authenticity of an electronically filed document containing multiple signatures must file an objection to the document within ten days of the Notice of Electronic Filing.

Comments should be directed in writing to John L. Medearis, Clerk of Court, by March 15, 2019 at the above address.

Comments:

These changes are made to comply with the December 1, 2018 amendments to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.