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Robert R. Carr
Clerk, U.S. District CourtUNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF KENTUCKY**JOINT GENERAL ORDER No. 2024-03****IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO JOINT LOCAL RULES**

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Pursuant to LR 83.14 and LCrR 57.7 of the Joint Local Rules of the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, and pursuant to the authority granted by Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, upon recommendation of the Joint Local Rules Commission, and in the absence of any comments after Notice, the Judges of the Eastern and Western Districts hereby ORDER that the following amendments be made to the Joint Local Rules:

- A. LR 5.3(b) Pro Se Actions** – is amended as follows in order to expressly allow for sanctions other than dismissal:

LR 5.3 Pro Se Actions

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(b) Papers Not on Court-Supplied Forms. If a pro se litigant submits a paper identified in (a) above that is not on a court-supplied form, the Clerk will accept the paper for filing and forward it to an appropriate judicial officer for review. If directed by the appropriate judicial officer, the Clerk shall provide sufficient copies of the prescribed form, and instructions for preparing the form, to the pro se litigant along with directions to file the petition on the appropriate court-supplied form within thirty (30) days thereafter. When required to do so, a pro se litigant's failure to file his or her petition on a court-supplied form within thirty (30) days may ~~be grounds for dismissal~~ result in the dismissal of the litigant's case or other appropriate sanctions.

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The amendments reflected in this Joint General Order shall be incorporated into the Courts' Joint Local Rules published on the Courts' respective websites. Copies of this Order

shall be made available to the public on the Courts' respective websites and made available to the various publishing companies that publish the Joint Local Rules of the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. The amendments noted in this Order shall take effect upon entry of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Hon. Danny C. Reeves
Chief Judge, United States District
Court, Eastern District of Kentucky


Greg N. Stivers, Chief Judge
United States District Court

Hon. Greg N. Stivers
Chief Judge, United States District
Court, Western District of Kentucky